

# WEATHER FORECASTS

For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday:  
Victoria and vicinity—Northern and easterly winds, becoming fresh to high, unsettled, with rain or sleet.  
Lower Mainland—Northern and easterly winds, fresh to high on the Gulf, unsettled, with rain or sleet.

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# WHERE TO GO TO-NIGHT

Pantages Theatre, Vaudeville.  
Dominion Theatre, Scandal.  
Royal Victoria Theatre, Magda.  
Variety Theatre, Life of Kitchener.

FOURTEEN PAGES

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS IS NOW RIGHT OUT FOR REPAYMENT BY C.N.P.R.CO.

**Hon. John Oliver Will Now Train His Energy on Railway Company to Secure Completion of Contracts and Return of Improper Payments**

Continuing the policy of dealing direct with the President and Board of Directors of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, as recently suggested by the Federal Minister of Railways and Canals, the Hon. John Oliver has this morning taken further steps in keeping with the programme already outlined by him and referred to in detail in these columns. The Minister requested the President and Board of Directors in his communication yesterday to replace immediately the sum of \$662,555.56, plus interest which should have accrued from the date of its improper payment, in respect of the company's line of railway from the eastern boundary of the province to the city of New Westminster. Mr. Oliver further points out in additional requests made by him this morning—detailed in communications quoted below—that the sum above named was improperly diverted and overpaid to the Company from the trust funds realized by the sale of bonds in respect of the line of railway from the City of Victoria to Barkley Sound. The Provincial Minister of Railways has taken the steps indicated following the receipt of advice from the Hon. J. D. Reid, Federal Minister of Railways and Canals. Hon. Mr. Reid inferred that by reason of the fact that the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway system was still operated by its President and Board of Directors, pressure from the Federal Government in the matter of spurring on the Company to live up to its financial and contractual obligations would not be forthcoming.

The communication from Mr. Reid has now been interpreted by Mr. Oliver as the official intimation from the Dominion Government that the acquisition of the capital stock of the company carried with it no sort of moral obligation in respect of the defaulting undertakings of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway on Vancouver Island and in British Columbia generally. The province, in other words, has been told to look to the President and Board of Directors to fulfill their pledges to the people, the lack of success of such procedure being still remembered, prior to the passage of the bill in the House of Commons in which the capital stock of the company was officially acquired and afterwards valued at \$10,000,000.00 by the Board of Arbitration specially appointed for the purpose. In the meantime the people of Vancouver Island are suffering to an alarming extent by the non-completion of the various undertakings, the contracts for which are long in default.

**Wants Money Back**  
The following letters, which are self-explanatory, have been addressed to the President and Board of Directors of the Canadian Northern Pacific Railway Company, by the Hon. John Oliver, this morning:  
"Your company contracted with the Government of the Province of British Columbia to construct, maintain, equip and operate a line of railway from a point in the City of Victoria, to a point at or near Barkley Sound, one hundred miles. According to contract the Government of the province guaranteed both the principal and interest of your company's bonds on the line to the amount of \$3,500,000. These bonds were sold by you and the moneys deposited in a trust fund to the credit of the Minister of Finance, and of the \$3,253,729.02 placed to the credit of the trust fund for this line of railway, your company succeeded in having the sum of \$662,555.56 improperly diverted and over-paid to your company in connection with the construction of your line of railway between New Westminster and the eastern boundary of the province, and you also improperly obtained repayment of the sum of \$1,253,729.02 in connection with the construction of the line of railway to which such trust fund were properly attached.

**Victoria's Interest.**  
"Your company also contracted to provide and operate a first-class ferry service between the mainland of British Columbia and a point at or near Victoria City.  
"Your company also contracted to construct work and repair shops and roundhouses within three miles of the City of Victoria.  
"Your company is in default of all the above undertakings, and I have to request that the moneys improperly taken from this trust fund be replaced at once, and that the Government of the province should be fully advised at once as to what action your company proposes to take to carry out its contractual obligations."

**Million Dollars Wanted.**  
The following communication deals with other excess payments made to the company, for which Hon. John Oliver is asking replacement at once, in respect of the company's undertakings on the Vancouver Island extension, Victoria to Union Bay, Kamloops extensions, and the line of railway from New Westminster to Stevenson. The communication follows:  
"Your company contracted with the Government of the Province of British Columbia to construct, equip, in-

## WAR SONGHEE, FIRST OF B. C.'S. WAR FLEET, WAS LAUNCHED HERE TO-DAY

The War Songhee, first of British Columbia's fleet of war merchantmen, to the accompaniment of a burst of cheering of the assembled throng, the shrieking of whistles from vessels in the harbor and nearby industrial plants, shot down the launching ways this afternoon at the Point Hope shipbuilding plant of the Foundation Company, Ltd.

The inclement weather conditions failed to mar the success of the launching which was staged before a large and representative concourse of citizens. The last wedges were knocked away from beneath the keel shortly after the noon hour and at 12.15 p.m. with a creaking of timbers, the big wooden hull glided gracefully down the well-greased skids into her native element.

The launching went off without a hitch. There was a slight delay in getting the vessel started on her slide, the launch having been scheduled for 11 a. m., but the great hull properly refused to even budge until the last of the holding wedges had been hammered away, and then she went on the instant and gathering momentum as she sped plunged into the waters of the Upper Harbor with a big dash of foam spraying from beneath her counter as she cut stern on into the briny.

**Was Duly Christened.**  
The christening ceremony was performed by Mrs. Bayly Hopkins, wife of Bayly Hopkins, manager of the Northwest district of the Foundation Company, with headquarters at Seattle. The aim of the sponsor was very true and at the first crack the festooned bottle of champagne was shattered into smithereens across the gradually receding bows of the steamer.  
Mr. and Mrs. Bayly Hopkins arrived here from Seattle this morning on the steamer Sol Duc, and were accompanied by a small party of friends. Following the launching Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins expressed their delight at the great success that had marked the completion of the first wooden hull which has been constructed on the North Pacific coast by the Foundation Company.

**Officials Present.**  
Among those on the launching stage were, R. P. Butchart, director of wooden shipbuilding in British Columbia for the Imperial Munitions Board; W. L. Bishop, manager of the plant; M. J. McCormick, who is taking over the business end of the management of the Point Hope plant with the departure of Mr. Bishop for New York; Harold Cove, local representative for Balfour, Guthrie & Co., and H. W. Ross, purchasing agent for the Imperial Munitions Board.  
The actual launching was carried out under the supervision of Dean Johnson, superintendent of the shipbuilding plant. The shipping fraternity of Victoria was well represented at the launching. On hand were Capt. G. E. L. Robertson, agent of Marine; Lincoln Smith, managing director of Peter McQuade & Sons; Walter Adams, manager of E. P. Marvin & Co.; John Alexander, of the Imperial Munitions Board; John Stephens, chief inspector for the I. M. B.; Norman Yarrow, R. L. Dalton, Capt. W. H. Whiteley, and representatives of the Cameron, Genua Mills Shipbuilders, Ltd.

**Was Stirring Sight.**  
It was a stirring sight when the released vessel with increasing speed swept down the ways supported by the staunchly constructed cradles tracked in erease.  
The huge hull had gathered way to such an extent that it proved quite a task for those aboard her to slow her down. She sped gaily right across the harbor in a direct line with the wharf of the Victoria Machinery Depot. Stout hemp cables had been run out from the bows as she started down the run-way, but despite the strain put on

## Over 300 German Socialists Seized On Christmas Eve

London, Dec. 27.—More than 300 members of the German minority Socialist party were arrested on Christmas Eve by the German military authorities, according to a Zurich dispatch given out to-day by the Wireless Press.

## TWO FRENCH SHIPS SUNK BY TEUTONS

Paris, Dec. 27.—In the week ended December 22 one French steamship of more than 1,000 tons and one at least than that tonnage were sunk by submarines or mines. No fishing vessels were lost.

## RAILROAD DIVIDEND.

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—The board of directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad, at a meeting yesterday, declared a dividend of 3 per cent. on the capital stock of the company, payable December 31 to stock of record of December 26, 1917.

## Big Russian Plants Closing; Making of Munitions Ceases

London, Dec. 27.—The Putloff works, employing 30,000 men, and the Petrograd metal works, employing 8,000, have begun to pay off their men, according to a Reuters dispatch from Petrograd.

## OTHER CHANGES BESIDES RETIREMENT OF JELICOE LOOKED FOR IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 27.—The prominence given in the papers here to the retirement of Admiral Sir John Jellicoe as First Sea Lord in favor of Vice-Admiral Sir Rosslyn Wemyss is commensurate with Sir John's great reputation and the place he long has held in the public estimation.

Notwithstanding the recent severe criticism concerning the Admiralty from some quarters, several newspapers treat the announcement as a sensational surprise, and two or three accompany their remarks with warm expressions of regret. The Telegraph, one of these, calls for a fuller official statement and the reasons for Admiral Jellicoe's retirement. The Chronicle also regretfully recalls the "well-founded public confidence in Admiral Jellicoe," and hopes that those responsible for the change have been guided wisely in their decision.

On the other hand, The Daily Mail, which long has waged a campaign against Admiral Jellicoe, says openly that it can not pretend regret. It adds that Sir Eric Geddes, First Lord of the Admiralty, deserves the thanks of the country for not shrinking from a painful duty.

The Times, though less frankly outspoken, does not conceal its satisfaction and sees in the change a determination of the Government to give younger men a chance. It says: "We heartily congratulate the Government, having once taken a decision, on accepting its full consequences at once."

## PREPARE TO TAKE OVER RAILROADS

Washington Officials Busy; Some in Congress Disposed to Criticize

Washington, Dec. 27.—Preliminaries for the actual taking over of the railroads of the United States by the Government at noon to-morrow, moved forward swiftly to-day and overshadowed all other war activities in the capital.

Although approved by the great majority of railroad men, there was some disposition toward criticism in Congress, principally on the ground that the Government proposed to allow the railroad too much, but there was no indication that the President's proclamation plans would be seriously opposed, and everything was prepared for enacting necessary laws soon after he explains the situation in an address to Congress.

Many members of the House and Senate predicted that the step was only the beginning of Government operation and control, and that it would soon extend to the telegraph and telephone lines, if not indeed to the distribution of life's necessities.

Director-General McAdoo spent the day in study of problems which must be solved at the outset. President Wilson to-day conferred with the heads of the four great railway brotherhoods.

It appeared probable that the latest demands for increases in pay would be handled by a committee of managers appointed by Mr. McAdoo. The Interstate Commerce Commission Committees in Congress began a survey of the legislation they will prepare to carry the President's proclamation into effect.

## FRANCE'S COURSE.

Paris, Dec. 27.—The Chamber of Deputies has adopted a resolution extending the terms of all elective officials in France until the end of the war. No elections will be held in the meantime.

## Eleven Aeroplanes Teutons' Loss When Treviso Attacked

Rome, Dec. 27.—Eleven Austro-German aeroplanes were brought down by British and Italian forces in a big aerial battle which developed when Austrian squadrons made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb Treviso, 18 miles north of Venice. Announcement of this effect was made to-day by the War Office here.

## FULLEST SUPPORT OF JAPAN IS PLEDGED BY HER EMPEROR

Tokio, Dec. 27.—The co-operation of Japan with her allies in the war to the fullest extent of her ability was pledged by Emperor Yoshihito in the speech from the throne at the opening of Parliament to-day. The Emperor said Japan's relations with the Entente Powers were extremely close, which was greatly pleasing to him, and continued:

"The European war is becoming more and more important. It becomes us to devote our efforts toward more effective co-operation with the Allied Powers. We expect the Alliance to secure the full fruits of victory and to obtain its objects, with which we heartily sympathize. We are prepared to co-operate to the fullest extent of our ability while maintaining peace in the Orient.  
"In consequence of present condi-

## LEHIGH ROAD WILL CONSUME LESS COAL

New York, Dec. 26.—The locomotives of the Lehigh Valley Railroad system hereafter will burn 35 per cent. less coal, it was announced to-day, through the use of a fuel mixture of crushed bituminous coal and anthracite silt, which had been considered useless. As a steam producer the new fuel is said to excel the bituminous coal alone.

## TEUTONS GIVE THEIR IDEAS ON PEACE TO BOLSHEVIKI AGENTS

**Say They Are Ready to Sign Peace Terms Omitting Annexations and Indemnities Only If Other Powers at War Agree to That Proposal**

Petrograd, Dec. 26, via London, Dec. 27.—The Central Powers, Count Czernin, the Austro-Hungarian Foreign Minister, told the peace conference at Brest-Litovsk yesterday, solemnly declare their resolve immediately to sign terms which will terminate the war on conditions equally just to all belligerents. The Central Powers also favor a general peace without annexations and indemnities. They could not bind themselves to such terms, however, without a guarantee that Russia's allies would recognize them and carry them out honestly toward the Central Powers, he said.

Count Czernin declared that the Central Powers believed that the basic principles uttered by the Bolsheviki delegates could be the basis for such a peace. He said they shared Russian condemnation of a continuation of the war for the sake of conquest.

## ENEMY EFFORT IS EXPECTED IN WEST

**Allies Anticipate Last Desperate Attempt by Teutons to Get Decision**

Paris, Dec. 27.—A culminating Austro-German offensive on the Franco-British front in the West is a matter of general expectation here now. Warnings of it have been published in the press for the last few days. Premier Clemenceau has adopted the wise policy of trusting the people in regard to coming perils and prefers that they should face the future with their eyes open rather than have a great offensive sprung upon them suddenly.  
From a military viewpoint signs are now wanting that the Germans are preparing a stroke which they hope to be decisive. Along the British front, in the Champagne, and especially around Verdun and farther east, the German guns are thundering loudly, and German raids are of almost nightly occurrence. The question everyone is asking here, a question which even drowns out the discussion of Caillaux's mysterious past, is as to what part of the Western front the blow will fall? That it will fall no one ventures to doubt, but where and when remain the points of interrogation.

When heavy snow falls in Northern Italy, Austro-German action on the front in France is all too clearly indicated as a direct result of the impossibility of operations in the Italian mountains.

**Huntin's Opinion.**  
Marcel Hutin, military critic of The Echo de Paris, discussing the subject of a German offensive, writes:  
"Apart from the active cannonading north of Verdun, there is nothing to indicate the intentions of the enemy on our front; but one thing is certain, which I know from excellent channels of information, and that is that unremitting labor for the last six months has been expended on our whole front from the Yser to Alsace so as to meet an enemy offensive wherever it may be made."

"The Bolsheviki negotiations for a separate peace bring no new element into the Allied military situation in comparison with the way we looked at it a few months ago in full confidence of handling it victoriously while awaiting the decisive aid of the United States."

"In my opinion, Germany and Austria will think twice before throwing their available forces into an offensive on the French and British fronts, while continuing to attack Italy."

**East of Argonne.**  
As for the locality, the Germans might be expected geographically—and above all the railroad conditions point there—to strike somewhere east of the Argonne, where the Germans can most easily draw men and supplies from Metz and Strassburg. Possible Verdun itself may be once more the scene of a gigantic struggle.

## BOMB UNDER HOUSE DID NOT EXPLODE

Tacoma, Dec. 27.—Frank Thompson, a mill worker, was arrested here yesterday on the charge of having placed a bomb under the residence of his father-in-law, J. C. Jensen, on Christmas Eve. The bomb, consisting of five sticks of dynamite and a quantity of nitro-glycerine in a fruit jar, was found Tuesday morning under the porch with the fuse burned to within a few inches of the explosives, where it had been extinguished by the rain. A quarrel over life insurance left by Mrs. Thompson, who died recently, to her parents, is alleged by the authorities to have been the motive for the attempted crime.

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### FOOD CONSERVATION IN AREA OF DUNCAN

Duncan, Dec. 27.—Miss Croase, president of the Local Council of Women, Victoria, and a member of the provincial food control committee, will give a lecture on "Food—The Call of the Empire," on Thursday afternoon, January 3, in the Women's Institute room here. Mrs. Elkington, president of the local food control committee, reports that there is a great deal of work to be done along these lines in Cowichan, and while all are doing what they can in individual ways, in a district that can produce so much, there is much that could be done in an educational way both in regard to production and in the economical use of the greatest extent of all local products. It is requested that the ladies present take part in the discussion that will follow.

Practices for "The Mikado" are being resumed on Friday night. There has been great difficulty in getting a sufficient number of men's voices, particularly tenors, and this will delay the production.

The Cowichan Amateur Orchestra Society holds its next practice on Saturday night, to prepare for the part of the orchestra will take in the programme for the reception on January 7 to Dr. Tolmie and J. C. McIntosh.

Wednesday evening Red Cross work parties in the Odd Fellows' Hall will begin on January 2 under the auspices of the North Cowichan Red Cross Branch. The making of mittens, knitting, buttonholes and other hand work will occupy the ladies. Any woman who wishes may join and will find plenty of work.

### CASUALTIES AMONG CANADIAN SOLDIERS

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—The following casualties have been announced:

Infantry.  
III—Pte. R. F. Frierie, Atholmer, B. C.

Railway Troops.  
III—Act. Lance-Corpl. E. Grayson, Eburne.

Machine Gun Company.  
Wounded—Pte. John Donald Morrison, Greenwood, B. C.

Boatmen aged seventy-seven and eighty-five respectively, are going out with sea anglers off Brighton.

### TO HOLD RECEPTION FOR MEMBERS-ELECT

Event at Duncan in Honor of Mr. McIntosh and Dr. Tolmie

Duncan, Dec. 27.—On the evening of January 7 a reception to meet the member-elect for Nanaimo, J. C. McIntosh, and Dr. Tolmie, member-elect for Victoria, will be held in the Duncan Opera House. There will be a short musical programme and dancing.

Cadets.  
Lieut. Seymour Green, honorary instructor of the Cowichan Valley Cadets, who has been military representative at the Ladysmith tribunal, while in that town has organized a cadet corps of nearly a hundred boys. He also has been very successful in helping to form a company of the Girl Guides there which will be under the auspices of the Ladysmith Chapter of the I. O. D. E.

E. Hicks-Beach and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Jaynes, Windmill Farm. Mrs. Hicks-Beach is in California.

J. Musgrave spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Musgrave, of Quamichan Lake.

Mrs. Moleworth, of Victoria, spent Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Hanham.

Corpl. Maris Hale was one of the soldiers home on Christmas leave.

Mr. and Mrs. Bateman, of Vancouver, are spending the Christmas period with Mr. and Mrs. Rudkin.

Sergt. F. A. Jackson and Miss Peggy Jackson are spending the Christmas holiday with Cowichan friends.

Miss Pearce, of St. Margaret's School, Victoria, is spending the holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Elkington, "Oak Park," Quamichan Lake.

Mr. Ashby, of Ladysmith, arrived in Cowichan on Monday.

Miss Beryl Macdonald is at home for the Christmas holiday, after which she will take up new duties as mistress of the receiving class in the Powell River school near Vancouver.

Miss Laura Henderson is spending a week of her holiday in Victoria.

Mrs. Keast, of Cowichan Lake, left on Monday for Victoria, where she was joined by Miss Ada Keast, going to Seattle to spend the holiday with the rest of the family. On her return about February 1 Mrs. Keast will take a post assisting in the management of the Troubadour Hotel, Duncan. Mrs. Odgers, who formerly held this job, is now in the East.

English Reitor (to parishioner): "Good morning, Thompson? I hear you have a son and heir."

Parishioner: "Yes, sir; our household now represents the United Kingdom."

Reitor: "How so?"

Parishioner: "Why, you see, I am English, my wife's Irish, the nurse is Scotch, and the baby walks."

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### TWELVE BRITISH VESSELS SENT DOWN; ONE FISHING CRAFT

London, Dec. 27.—The losses to British shipping show a material decrease for the past week, according to an Admiralty report last night. Eleven British merchantmen of 1,500 tons or over were sunk during this period by mine or submarine, as well as one merchantman under that tonnage and one fishing vessel.

The summary:  
Arrivals, 2,316; sailings, 2,460.  
British merchantmen sunk by mine or submarine, 1,600 tons or over, eleven; under 1,600 tons, one; fishing vessels, one.

British merchantmen unsuccessfully attacked, 12, including two previously.

For the week ended December 19 seventeen British merchantmen were sunk, fourteen of them being of more than 1,600 tons. In the previous week the losses were twenty-one, fourteen of them of more than 1,600 tons.

Rome, Dec. 27.—The losses to Italian shipping in the past week from submarines were three steamships of more than 1,000 tons, one sailing vessel of more than 100 tons, and one sailing vessel of less than 100 tons. Two steamships were damaged by torpedoes and were run ashore, while one sailing vessel was damaged but was towed into port.

### MILITARY ACT IN MONTREAL DISTRICT

Montreal, Dec. 27.—It is expected that 250 men a day will report in this Military District for duty under the Military Service Act after January 3. Major-General W. Wilson says, Notices have been sent out by Registrar Godin on instructions from Ottawa, to the required men, with instructions as to whom and where to report for duty. With the expected number of men reporting, the accommodation here will be filled within the first ten days of the application of the Act.

The English-speaking men will go to the first depot battalion under Lieut. Col. M. A. Hiche, at the Guy Street barracks, and the French-speaking men to the second depot battalion under Lieut. Col. Daley-Gringras, D. S. O.

"I can lay my hands on 2,000 men who have not registered," said Capt. Broseau, of the Militia Department, yesterday. "As soon as we want the men we will go out and get them." He added, "and lots of persons around Montreal will be surprised."

### VERDICT ON REGINA VIOLINIST'S DEATH

Regina, Sask., Dec. 27.—After being in session for nearly five hours, a jury empanelled to inquire into the death of Henry Gale, a violinist at a local theatre, whose dead body was found lying at the bottom of a set of stairs leading from the stage to a dressing room Christmas night, brought in a verdict "that deceased came to his death through a broken neck and fractured skull, and we are of the opinion that the deceased did not come to his death by accident, but by the criminal act of some person or persons unknown."

The evidence was of an extremely contradictory character, none of the witnesses agreeing. The evidence was given by a number of stage hands, all of whom admitted they were in a state bordering on intoxication. Several fights apparently occurred in the dressing rooms and the case was further complicated by the appearance of a returned soldier who travels with the show selling patriotic songs on behalf of the fund of the Great War Veterans, coming from Winnipeg.

The police have released all the stage hands from custody but will continue their investigation.

### SNOW ON BRITISH FRONT IN FRANCE

London, Dec. 27.—The following report from Field-Marshal Haig was issued here last night:

"With the exception of hostile artillery activity in the neighborhood of Havrincourt and to the east of Ypres, there is nothing of interest to report. 'Snow has fallen along the whole front.'"

### GERMANS' CHRISTMAS.

Geneva, Dec. 27.—Features of the German Christmas, according to news from across the frontier, were women and children openly begging in the snow-covered streets for food to appease their hunger and riots in some of the towns. Only the rich enjoyed a good, but ordinary, dinner, and for this they paid high prices, as much as \$10. Most of the churches in Germany were closed owing to the lack of coal.

### GOVERNMENT CONTROL OF RAILROADS IN U. S.

Wilson Takes Step Which Has Been Foreshadowed; McAdoo Director

Washington, Dec. 27.—Government possession and operation of the nation's railroads for the war was proclaimed by President Wilson last night, to become effective at noon to-morrow. Wm. G. McAdoo, retaining his place in the Cabinet as Secretary of the Treasury, is placed in charge as Director-General of Railroads.

Every railroad engaged in general transportation, with its appurtenances, including steamship lines, is being taken over and all the systems will be operated as under the Director-General.

In a statement accompanying his proclamation, the President announced that as soon as Congress re-assembles he will recommend the legislation guaranteeing pre-war earnings and maintenance of railroad properties in good repair.

The President's statement follows in part: "I have exercised the powers over the transportation systems of the country which were granted me by the act of Congress of 1916, because it has become imperatively necessary for me to do so. This is a war of resources no less than of men—and it is necessary for the complete mobilization of our resources that the transportation systems of the country should be organized and employed under a single authority and a simplified method of co-ordination, which has not proved possible under private management and control."

Public Interest.  
The public interest must be first served, and, in addition, the financial interests of the Government and the financial interests of the railways must be brought under a common direction. The financial operations of the railways must be placed under the control of the Government, and they themselves can be conducted at a greater advantage. Investors in railway securities may rest assured that their rights and interests will be as well looked after by the Government as they could by the directors of the several railway systems. Immediately upon the re-assembling of Congress I shall recommend that these definite guarantees be given:

"First, of course, that the railway properties will be maintained during the period of Federal control in as good repair and as complete in equipment as when taken over by the Government, and, second, that the roads shall receive an operating income equal in each case to the average net income of the three years preceding June 30, 1917, and I am entirely confident that Congress will be disposed in this case, as in others, to see that justice is done and full security assured to the owners and creditors of the great systems which the Government must now use under its own direction or suffer serious embarrassment."

"The Government of the United States is the only great Government now engaged in the war which has not already assumed control of this sort. It was thought to be in the spirit of American institutions to attempt to do everything that was necessary through private management, and if zeal and ability and patriotic motive could have accomplished the necessary unification of administration, it would certainly have been accomplished; but no zeal or ability could overcome insuperable obstacles, and I have deemed it my duty to recognize that fact in all candor, now that it is demonstrated, and to use without reserve the great authority reposed in me. A great national necessity dictated the action, and I was therefore not at liberty to abstain from it."

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 27.—E. E. Calvin, president of the Union Pacific, said last night:

"I am unable to say at present what effect the action of the Government may have upon the Union Pacific. I would like to know more of the details before making any detailed statement. 'We have, however, been expecting such action on the part of the Government, and have stood willing at all times to assist in every way.'"

### COLD STORAGE IN UNITED KINGDOM

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—That all cold storage in Great Britain probably will be co-ordinated under Government control is the statement made by Harrison Watts, Canadian trade commissioner in London, in a report made to the Dominion Government. This course has been recommended by the Empire Resources Development Committee, which also urges the necessity for the establishment without delay of additional cold storage facilities in Great Britain, because the holding of a much greater supply of food than in the past is a recognized necessity for the safety of the nation.

### ANOTHER PIECE OF RUSSIA BREAKS OFF

Seattle, Dec. 27.—Nicholas Bogolovsky, the Russian consul here, announced yesterday afternoon that he had received a cable sent by way of India telling of the establishment of a new Russian Government at Voronezh, the capital of the province of the same name between Moscow and Rostov, which latter town is on the Asov Sea. He believes the leaders in the movement are members of the Kerensky Provisional Government who fled from Petrograd.



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### NO FURTHER PEACE EFFORT BY POPE

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A special cable to The Toronto Mail and Empire from Rome says:

"The importance of the Pope's allocation on the occasion of the Christmas reception of the cardinals consists in the admission that his peace proposals are not expected to lead to an immediate end of the war, but only to render possible peace negotiations. Owing to the failure of his proposals, the Pope will not assume further peace initiative."

"His allusion to the liberation of Jerusalem is considered most significant. It practically amounts to an official announcement of the Pope's satisfaction. Newspaper comment deplores that the Pope ignored the invasion of his own country."

### "PROOF SPIRITS."

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—In the regulations touching the importation and sale of liquor adopted by the Government on December 22 the general phrase "alcohol" was used in dealing with the alcoholic content of liquors which should be deemed to be intoxicating.

As the several provincial prohibition statutes make use of the technical phrase "proof spirits," a slightly lower alcoholic content, it has been considered advisable to amend section two of Saturday's regulations by substituting the words "proof spirits" for the word "alcohol" therein.

This brings into complete harmony the provincial laws and the Dominion regulations in this regard, and removes all possibility of misunderstanding.

### COAL CARDS URGED.

New York, Dec. 27.—A national coal shortage, due to the wiping out of the reserve supply and the increased consumption, is an "actual fact" and must be faced by the small consumer with the practice of the "utmost conservation," according to a report of the United States Fuel Conservation Committee filed with Albert H. Wiggin, state fuel administrator here.

The committee, to assure the needs of the small consumer in New York State, has devised a plan for the distribution of coal on the card system basis and recommends its adoption as a conservation measure.

### PROFESSOR DIES.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Prof. Clement Henry McLeod, of McGill University, died yesterday while seated in his office at the university. He was 64 years of age and had been in charge of the McGill Observatory. Prof. McLeod had been secretary of the Canadian Society of Civil Engineers since 1891.

### VANCOUVER ELECTION.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—With the withdrawal of C. E. Tisdall from the contest, the mayoralty race here has simmered down to two candidates, Mayor McBeath, the present incumbent, and Alderman R. H. Giles, who aspires to fill the chair for the next term.

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### WILHELM HAD NARROW ESCAPE AT MANNHEIM

Geneva, Dec. 27.—Kaiser Wilhelm, returning with his staff from the Verdun front, had a narrow escape during the reprisal raid made by a British air squadron on Mannheim, Baden, on Christmas eve, according to a dispatch from Basel.

Only about an hour earlier, the Kaiser's special left the station, which was partly destroyed by several bombs. A section of the track was torn up, cutting communications with the north. Two bombs fell on the palace and one on the suspension bridge across the Neckar River, both structures being badly damaged.

An ammunition factory in the north of the city was blown up. Few persons were killed, however, as the employees were having a holiday. A considerable number of persons were killed or injured within the town, and several were blown into the Rhine.

### HAD REVOLVER; FINED.

Chicago, Dec. 27.—George F. Vanderveer, of Seattle, general counsel for the I. W. W., who was deprived of his pistol as he was about to enter Judge Landis's court-room here a week ago, was fined \$100 and costs yesterday in the municipal court. Motion for a new trial was denied.

Mr. Vanderveer said that he purchased the weapon in Philadelphia and that its presence in his pocket was a bit of absent-mindedness.

### PROMOTION RECOMMENDED.

Washington, Dec. 27.—Among officers of the American expeditionary force recommended for promotion by General Pershing in a cable yesterday is Archie B. Roosevelt, second son of Colonel Roosevelt, who is recommended for a captaincy.

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## ONTARIO CORPORATIONS ACT IS HELD VALID

Toronto, Dec. 27.—That the Ontario Extra-Provincial Corporations Act, held by Mr. Justice Maestri to be valid, is valid, is the decision of the Court of Appeal of Ontario in a judgment given yesterday in the action brought by the Attorney-General of Ontario against the Harris Lithographing Company.

The effect of the decision is that companies chartered by the Dominion must take out a provincial license and pay the provincial fees before operating in this province. Unless they do so they are subject to the penalties provided by the province.

In his reasons for judgment, Chief Justice Meredith thought that as the basic principle of the B. N. A. Act is that each province shall be "master of its own house," had those who enacted the British North America Act anticipated some of the results which have flowed from it, they would have taken care that their language expressed more clearly what they meant.

The Ontario Act is held ultra vires and invalid insofar as it prohibits the access to the courts of offending companies.

### DESSERTERS SOUGHT.

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—An Order-in-Council passed December 24 provides for the payment of a reward of \$50 to any member of the civil police or peace officer who arrests and delivers into military custody a man who is absent without leave from the military forces of Canada through failure to comply with the Military Service Act. The Order-in-Council also provides for the payment of expenses incurred in effecting the arrest and while the deserter is in civil custody.

### LEAVES G. W. V. A.

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—Sergeant Major James Robinson, D.C.M., of Vancouver, has resigned his vice-presidency in the Dominion G. W. V. A. and from office in the local Veterans' organization. Sergeant Major Robinson was non-committal when asked for his reasons, but said the association had broken away from the spirit of the Veterans' convention in Winnipeg. It is rumored that he will enter provincial politics.

### MORE BEER.

London, Dec. 27.—The Food Controller has issued an order permitting brewers in the United Kingdom to increase their output by twenty per cent. in the first quarter of 1918. The order also permits an additional increase of 12½ per cent. for brewers supplying "necessitous munitions areas."

## HIGHER RATES ARE ALLOWED RAILWAYS

Details of Judgment Handed Down by Canadian Railway Board

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—An important

judgment handed down yesterday by the Board of Railway Commissioners provides for a 15 per cent. increase in passenger rates in all parts of Canada, with the exception of British Columbia, where the minimum rate now is 3 cents a mile. The judgment also permits, subject to the limitations of the Crow's Nest agreement and certain specified limitations, an increase in freight rates of approximately 10 per cent. in the West and 15 per cent. in the East. The Crow's Nest agreement was made by the C. P. R. with the Government, and by its provisions, rates on a large number of commodities are reduced.

The judgment points out that there can be no question, in view of actual results, that the railways require greater revenues and must have them if proper efficiency is to be maintained and the demands of the country for transportation at all adequately met. The cost of labor, coal and materials has been increasing, with the result that the expenses of the Canadian roads are mounting at a much swifter rate than their earnings. The increased rates allowed, says the judgment, certainly will not equal the increase in costs to which the railways are subject, and which are not in any way attributable to the railway management.

With regard to the increase in passenger rates, the judgment says that "it is in the public interest, with a view to conserving coal, railway facilities and man-power, that passenger travel should be as light as possible, so as to facilitate efficient freight movement."

The details.

A summary of the judgment reads in part as follows:

Subject to the limitations of the Crow's Nest Pass agreement and to the specific limitations contained in the judgment, freight rates are permitted to be increased, in general, approximately 10 per cent. in the West and 15 per cent. in the East. While the Grand Trunk Pacific and the Canadian Northern are not included in this agreement, they are to be treated as if included.

With a view to lessening the disturbances as between the territories now established of Western distributing centres, and also having in mind the increase in all-rail rates already allowed, a 15 per cent. increase west of Port Arthur and 10 per cent. increase on the Eastern balance of the through rate is permitted, but again subject to the limitations worked by the Crow's Nest agreement.

On coal, an increase of 15 cents a ton is allowed, it being considered that this will bear less harmfully on the consumer than a percentage increase. In the western hearings the evidence was that a flat increase was preferable to the percentage increase asked for by the railways.

An increase of 5 cents a ton is permitted on clay, sand, gravel and crushed stone. On grain to Lake Superior ports, an increase of 2 cents a hundred pounds is allowed, this being approximately 10 per cent. On grain and grain products, etc., in the West other than for movement to Port Arthur, and also on the movement on these from Port Arthur east, is permitted an increase of 15 per cent., subject to a maximum of 2 cents a hundred pounds.

The existing lumber rate basis in the West has been built up by agreement between the mills and the railways, the important matter being the extent of the rate differences between the different groups of producers. A percentage arrangement would create disparities. From British Columbia mills

to the different groups, increases of from 3 to 5 cents, according to distance, are allowed. On northern Alberta and Saskatchewan agricultural products of 15 per cent. with a maximum of 2 to 4 cents, according to distance. From British Columbia to eastern Canada 10 per cent. From Lake of the Woods and Rainy River 3 to 4 cents, according to distance. From Port Arthur west, 3 to 5 cents, according to distance. Between points in eastern Canada, a 15 per cent. increase, which works out at a maximum of 3 cents.

Transcontinental class rates may be increased 10 per cent. No increase is allowed in transcontinental commodity rates.

British Columbia. In British Columbia an increase of 10 per cent. on freight rates is allowed; no rates to be lower than the prairie rates as increased.

Railway tolls incidental to transportation, e.g., switching, demurrage, re-shipment, sleeping or parlor car accommodation, heating, car diversion or other special services are not allowed any increase.

No increase in passenger rates is allowed in the territory where the minimum rate is 3 cents. It is at the same time pointed out that it is in the public interest, with a view to conserving coal, railway facilities and man-power, that travel should be as light as possible, so as to facilitate efficient freight movement.

It is set out that no greater profit will be obtained by the railways under the new rate schedule than in the past. The increased rates allowed certainly will not equal the increase in costs to which the railways are subject. These increased costs are not in any way attributable to the railway management. They are largely represented in wage increases, which have been given the approval of the public at large. Public bodies and public sympathy have been with the men in the increases which they have obtained. No objection whatever has been made by any contestant on the ground that the railways have improvidently increased wages. The other items of cost increase chiefly are the result of to-day's prices of coal, steel materials and railway supplies. The railways suffer in this regard in common with other users of these necessities.

While there was a difference of opinion among trade organizations, all held that reasonable increases within the discretion of the Board were justifiable.

As to the representations made regarding aid by loans, as well as change in ownership, the Board has no right to express an opinion, as its powers are concerned with rates matters.

Earnings. The Canadian Northern figures show a steadily declining net revenue. In September, 1917, the net revenue was 41 per cent. less than in 1916. October, with six per cent. increase in gross, shows 51 per cent. decrease in net. The maintenance charges have been cut down with a view to economy. As a result efficiency has decreased and accumulated maintenance charges will have to be met later. At the same time, the cost of labor, coal and materials has been increasing.

In September, the net revenue of the C. P. R. decreased 28.3 per cent.

In ten months, ended October, 1917, the gross revenue of the Grand Trunk increased 11 per cent., while the expenses increased 22 per cent. In October, the gross increased less than 2 per cent., while the net earnings decreased 49 per cent.

### DINNER AT VERNON.

Vernon, Dec. 27.—The officers' mess of the 30th B. C. Horse entertained a number of citizens at the regiment's annual Christmas dinner. The 30th is the parent regiment of the 2nd C.M.R., which has served with marked distinction since the first year of the war. Over 1,600 men have passed through the 30th for overseas duty since the war started.

### AIRMAN KILLED.

Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 27.—Cadet A. Davidson, an American aviator, was killed at Hicks Field yesterday afternoon when he fell 700 feet while making his first attempt at a spiral descent.

## FEARS RESULT OF DOMINION ELECTION

Montreal, Dec. 27.—L'Union des Can. tion Del' Este sees in the result of the Dominion general election a national disaster, and if the appeals of the Ontario and Western press are listened to, "there are dark days ahead for the French race in this country."

"Let her be sacrificed, this French province," they cry out in unison, "says this French paper, 'for it is her blood they want.'"

With reference to Confederation and a possible rupture between the West and the East, the same paper says: "Let the Province of Ontario and the West not be deceived, for the last word has not been said. Quebec will never be a slave. If the Confederation is but an infamous snare, as Senator Landry says, Quebec will break this snare if the other provinces seek to prove that it is but a snare."

## FRENCH-CANADIANS AND THE OTTAWA CABINET

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Le Canada, the Liberal French morning paper here, is not in favor of any French representation in the Dominion Cabinet. It says:

"After having provoked the population of the five western provinces against us, a certain number of Unionist newspapers, now that the election has been won, are making their bow to us, and, covering us with compliments, are trying to tame us by offering us portfolios in the Borden Government. Not only has it not been we who made this proposition, but the manner in which we have received it must have proved to these people that they know us very imperfectly."

To-day we are proud that there is not one French-Canadian willing to enter the Ottawa Government."

## MONTREAL MAYOR'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Montreal, Dec. 27.—Mayor Martin has issued a New Year's message in which he expresses the hope that the "different races comprising the population of the metropolis of Canada always will march hand in hand."

Further, he says: "It is in the interest of one and all to avoid the dissensions and questions of nationality and all subjects of discord. To this end all our efforts should converge."

## PRECAUTIONARY STEP AT NEW ORLEANS

New Orleans, Dec. 27.—Public marking, heretofore a prominent feature of the last day of the Mardi Gras Carnival here, will not be permitted next year, Mayor Behrman announces. This is to remove possibility of serious trouble which might occur were agents of the German Government to get about the city under disguise.

## SOLDIERS INJURED.

Lawton, Okla., Dec. 27.—Several soldiers were more or less seriously injured at the school for aerial observers at Fort Sill yesterday when static electricity caused friction in the folds of a silk observation balloon and ignited the hydrogen gas in the bag. A terrific explosion followed, the soldiers being hurled many yards from their positions about the balloon.

The destroyed balloon, which was on the ground at the time, is said to be the same one that ran wild here three weeks ago after an aeroplane had run into it and cut its anchor cables.

## TRADE AT VERNON.

Vernon, Dec. 27.—Vernon merchants report that this year's Christmas trade was the best since the outbreak of the war. The good crops and high prices throughout the district, in conjunction with reasonable weather and excellent sleighing, were largely responsible for brisk business.

## HOW STATES AIDED ITALY WHEN IN NEED

Red Cross Stepped Into Breach Just After Enemy Invasion

Washington, Dec. 27.—Major Murphy, American Red Cross Commissioner to Europe, back in Paris after establishing relief work in Italy, reported by cable to-day on what he and his fellow workers accomplished.

"Whatever else we may have done or failed to do," says the message after recounting the establishment of warehouses and the distribution of supplies, "we have raised the American flag from one end of Italy to the other, and our youngsters to-day are doing their part in helping to hold the Piave line."

Of the situation he found on arriving in Italy just after the great Teutonic invasion, Major Murphy's report says: "When we reached Italy refugees in pitiable condition were streaming down from the north. Indescribably pathetic conditions existed, involving the separation of mothers and children, and there were cold, hunger, disease and death. The unexpected military reverse had stunned the nation. A vicious propaganda had spread the report that the United States was not friendly to Italy."

"If ever evidences of friendship and confidence were welcome to a country, it was in those days before the Piave line was established. The United States apparently had no available means of expression. Congress was not in session. Our army could not act. Fortunately, however, the Red Cross was in a position not only to respond immediately to the call of the suffering, but also to carry the message of the American people to Italy in the hour of her distress."

## GROWTH OF WIRELESS IN THIS HEMISPHERE

New York, Dec. 27.—Commercial wireless communication between the United States, Mexico and Central and South America is brought nearer with the announcement here of the organization of the Pan-American Wireless Telegraph & Telephone Company. The announcement, which was made by the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company of America, states that work on a chain of high power stations will be begun immediately after the first of the year. The new concern is incorporated in Delaware, and is headed by Edward J. Nally, former first vice-president and general manager of the Postal Telegraph-Cable Company. The announcement says the company has acquired the right to use all patents and concessions from the American and English Marconi companies, as well as the Poulsen-Pedersen system. The Marconi Company owns a majority of the stock of the Pan-American concern.

## MOUNTAIN OF PAPER.

Washington, Dec. 27.—An official dispatch from France says it has been announced in Vienna that a new loan of 1,500,000,000 crowns has been made by the Austro-Hungarian Bank to the Government a tone-half of one per cent. interest, payable 18 months after peace is declared. It is said the only way the bank had of advancing such a sum was by adding to its already over-inflated paper circulation, which in four months has increased 4,000,000,000 crowns.

## VERNON CONTRIBUTIONS.

Vernon, Dec. 27.—Over \$400 was collected for the Halifax sufferers through a tag-day held by the Vernon branch of the Red Cross. A tag-day for the benefit of the Vernon Jubilee Hospital, held by the Women's Council, realized \$219.

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Under the auspices of the Canadian War Records' Office, a war memorial fund has been inaugurated with Lord

Boothby as chairman and Lord Beaverbrook as a member of the committee. The fund now amounts to about \$75,000, the whole of it having been raised in the United Kingdom and Canada by the propaganda section of the Dominion Government, the object of which is to tell the people of Canada, down to the smallest detail, what their share has been in this war.

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## A GREAT MEASURE.

In proclaiming government possession and operation of the railroads of the United States President Wilson again has dealt with a big problem in a big way. The measure he has taken is one of extraordinary magnitude. It involves a system which comprises more than half the railroad mileage of the world, with a capitalization of over \$15,000,000,000. It is a war measure, perhaps the most important of all the nation's war measures, and it is a striking illustration of what is meant by "nationalization for war." It co-ordinates all the transportation activities of the country under one centralized control. It removes inequalities as between the strong and weak lines, and in incorporating all of them in one great machine it will ensure much more efficiency in meeting the emergency of the time. Moreover, it guarantees the best service of every necessary road, which under the former arrangement could not have been given, for difficult operating conditions, restrictions and regulations, which the stronger systems could stand, brought the weaker ones to the verge of collapse. The enormous increase in the cost of operation necessarily involved higher rates of a limitation in the service although never was there a time when so much has been required of the American railroads as there is now. The labor question also has been a constant source of trouble.

The Government henceforth will operate the roads as part of its national service. It will not be able to do so as economically, perhaps, as the present owners and operators for it proposes to guarantee the shareholders and bondholders against loss, besides maintaining efficiency; but it will get full service from the railroads, and that is what the country needs in its gigantic war preparations. The heads of the great transportation systems approve of the President's action, and will co-operate with the Government in its project.

In the statement accompanying his proclamation of Government operation of the railroads, President Wilson observed that the United States was the only great nation engaged in the war in which the Government had not already assumed control of its chief transportation systems. In Russia, France, Germany, Austria and Italy the railroads for the most part were under Government control before the war while not long after the struggle began the British Government took over the railroad systems of the United Kingdom.

## RAISING THE RATES.

While the Washington Government meets the difficult railroad situation in the United States by taking over the roads, in Canada the solution is an increase of ten and fifteen per cent. in freight rates granted by the Railway Commissioners. It might pertinently be pointed out in this connection that one of the objects of the Wilson administration in assuming control of the American roads is to control the cost of transportation to the public and at the same time keep the roads at a high state of efficiency. The Canadian Railway Commission, of course, has nothing to do with Government policy in respect of railroad control and operation. All it is empowered to do is to investigate and decide to what extent applications of the railroad companies for the right to increase their rates are justified and to make regulations accordingly.

But it is time the Canadian Government realized that the railroad problem cannot be solved by increasing the freight rates on food, fuel and certain natural products for which there is so great a demand. This is only a step in an endless chain leading to chaos. It enhances the cost of living to the consumer and the cost of production to the shipper and eventually reproduces for the railroads on a growing scale the conditions upon which their first increases were based. Thus, a vicious circle is established.

Sooner or later the Government will have to take over the operation of Canada's railroad systems as the one feasible solution of a serious situation. Only by that means can the duplication of service, which is wasting millions of dollars, and other anomalies which have arisen from the competition of three transcontinental systems where there should have been but two, be avoided. It is a great pity the Government at Ottawa was not foresighted and resolute enough to take such a step early in the war.

Shaulnessy or one of the other railroad heads in charge of all the Canadian lines incorporated into one great national system.

## JELICOO'S RETIREMENT.

Sir John Jellicoe's supercession as First Sea Lord of the Admiralty is said to have been hastened by the German cruiser raids against merchant shipping passing between Scotland and Scandinavia. There were two of these attacks within six weeks, and the second one raised a storm in the London press and from the "man in the street." Viewed in their proper perspective, with the unparalleled achievements of the British navy in their relation to what is vital in the war in the background, they were mere pin-pricks, the most noteworthy feature of which was their rarity. During the Russo-Japanese war, notwithstanding the fact that the Japanese navy had early gained the mastery at sea, a Russian cruiser squadron operating from Vladivostok made numerous destructive raids against Japanese shipping, sinking transports and supply ships, and actually bombarded a Japanese port. After many weeks the raiders were overhauled and destroyed.

No doubt the Germans have made scores of attempts at diversions of this kind in the present war, and the fact that months go by without any kind of a success for them speaks volumes for the vigilance of the British navy. If Admiral Mahan, the greatest naval writer of the century, were alive today he would be amazed at the results gained by the service under Sir John Jellicoe, for he freely predicted that while British seapower would win the war in the end, it would sustain heavy losses in men and material in holding the second navy of the world in its place, and would emerge from the war much weaker than when it entered the struggle. Never has Great Britain lost so few fighting ships in any war of similar duration as in this conflict, and in no war of any duration has she gained so complete a mastery of the sea, as far as it is challenged by the regular naval forces of her foe, as she has in this war.

Sir John Jellicoe's successor is not likely to stop German raiders making occasional raids on British and neutral shipping in the North Sea. In any case, this is a minor preoccupation in comparison with the losses inflicted by the German submarine campaign. German submarines sink more British ships in a week than the German surface cruisers sink in a whole year. Sir John Jellicoe is given the credit of bringing this campaign, the only weapon with which the enemy has been able to threaten the vitals of the Allies, under control. This speaks volumes for his capacity; infinitely more than would have been spoken by a victory in the North Sea which destroyed the whole German battle-fleet but left the hostile submarine fleet unchecked. Sir John's successor is said to be an able, experienced officer, but whether he will do better remains to be seen. Much depends upon what is meant by doing better. The pity of it will be that he will not be able to tell the public what he is doing and the public will judge him, as a part of it judged Jellicoe, by some spectacular but trivial piece of enterprise on the part of the enemy.

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## SHOULD STICK TO THE BARGAIN.

Hon. John Oliver is determined that the undischarged obligations of the Canadian Northern Railway in this Province shall not be allowed to lapse in the uncertainty over the ultimate ownership and operation of the system. In this he seeks for British Columbia nothing more than its just due. Millions of dollars raised on the credit of the Province have been improperly released to the company; that is to say, the company received that large amount more than it had earned on construction account. On the Alberni extension alone the company was overpaid \$1,000,000. The Government is supposed to have taken over the Canadian Northern system by acquiring control of the stock; if this is a bona fide transaction we are entitled to expect that the Government will discharge the obligations which, of course, it will assume with the road. The price to be paid for that stock is being determined by arbitrators who in all probability will give it a valuation of some millions. How would it do for the Government to allocate the award, or a sufficient proportion of it, to the completion of the covenanted undertakings of the company in this Province, particularly on Vancouver Island?

## NO SUPERMEN.

This war has produced no supermen in leadership. In the first place it is a war of organization on so vast a scale that the directors of it are lost among the mechanism. Then, again, the embryonic superman never gets a chance. As soon as he is appointed to an important post myriad eyes are upon him. If he makes a slip the public demand his head upon a charger. The telegraph and the daily newspaper bring leaders and

public so closely together that the mistakes of the one are soon detected by the other. If those conditions had existed in the past the young Hannibal and the young Napoleon in all probability would not have consumed so many pages of history. Both made serious blunders and it was on those blunders that they rose to eminence, for the lessons learned from them never were forgotten. Nor would Wellington have gone as far as Waterloo. He would have been dismissed when he was driven behind the lines of Torres Vedras. As for Nelson, he would have lost his post after his failure at Tenerife. Even as it was, Nelson risked dismissal constantly by disobeying or ignoring the instructions of the Admiralty; many of them went overboard without being read, and he became great and glorious in consequence.

## Press Comments

## OUR UNION WILL AID ALLIES.

(Kansas City Star.)

It would be difficult to conceive of a better prospect for a Union Ministry than that which attends the Cabinet led by Sir Robert Borden. That its success will help to cement the greater union of the Allied nations in the hours of trial and tribulation which must be their portion ere victory smiles upon their cause goes without saying.

## THE THING WE FIGHT.

(New York World.)

Little attention is paid to the torpedoing of the Apapa and the loss of eighty lives—it is such an old story! But it is a story as brutal as ever; no warning; a second torpedo as women and children were being put into boats; gunfire on the boats afterward; murder even of survivors. This is the Thing we fight and will fight.

## DUTY OF IRISH CATHOLICS.

(The Irish Catholic.)

On the prelates, priests and parents of Catholic Ireland rests to-day a great responsibility, which we know full well will be worthily discharged. To talk about patriotism in connection with the De Valera conspiracy is akin to blasphemy. To seek to save our people from the material and moral perils it portends—to preserve our gallant boys from death in the toils of the hangman's noose—seems to us the truest service we can render to the country.

## THE NEED FOR MORE SHIPS.

(London Daily Telegraph.)

No success on land can offer compensation to an island people for weakness by sea; particularly when, as now, that island is the main support of a series of sea-separated countries, all of which, not excluding the United States, are deficient in sea-carrying facilities. Without ships in ample measure the Allies must stand, if not defeated, at least faced by an impasse which will spell the ruin of all the hopes which they seek to realize as the outcome of this sea-supported war.

## WHAT WASTE COSTS.

(Portland Oregonian.)

The waste of 500,000 pounds of paper a week, Canadian authorities estimated, entailed the cutting of at least 2,000 trees a week. Every ton of old paper recovered means a saving of eight trees of mature growth. The saving of wooden rags for the manufacture of shoddy saves land for crops which otherwise would be required for the raising of sheep. Paper, money and material—capital and labor—are conserved every time a bit of material is re-employed which formerly was destroyed.

## HALIFAX RESURGEBIT.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

Halifax will rise again. Desolate as the city may appear to-day, its ruins will soon give place to new and more substantial structures, its business will soon flow in regular channels, and its great misfortune will have become a memory. In the hour of the city's trial it will find solace in the thought that friends have arisen for it every where, and it will have reason for thankfulness in all the future, that through tribulation it came into a clearer and higher knowledge of the good that is in the hearts of men than it had ever before attained.

## "ANOTHER OF THOSE MIS-CHANCES."

(Pittsburgh Dispatch.)

The collision of vessels in Halifax harbor during a storm and the resulting explosion and fire which, according to early reports, cost hundreds of lives and destroyed a large portion of the city, was apparently another of those mischances which it seems almost hopeless to expect human provision or precaution to prevent. Experience, it has been said, is a costly school, and the only consolation in such a disaster is that it demonstrates a danger which should have been considered and, possibly for a time at least, will be hereafter.

## THE "THING" THAT DID IT.

(Detroit News.)

Trinitrotoluol, or troy, or T. N. T., which created such havoc in Halifax, is almost an ideal explosive, from the point of view of the military man. It does not break down into other compounds or elements; it does not eat metal; it does not dissolve in water, and when it lets go it explodes with tremendous force. Its rapidity of combustion may be stated, but scarcely realized, by the fact that when used in a fuse it communicates its explosive force at the rate of 2½ miles per second! That means that when one of the shells on the ill-fated munitions boat in Halifax harbor exploded it set off the others simultaneously, so that there was one tremendous burst of destructive force instead of several explosions in series.

## TEUTONS GIVE THEIR IDEAS ON PEACE TO BOLSHEVIKI AGENTS

(Continued from page 1.)

"Clause one—Forcible annexation of territory seized during the war does not enter into the intentions of the allied (Teutonic) powers. About troops now occupying seized properties, it must be stipulated in the peace treaty, if there is no agreement before, regarding the evacuation of these places. Political independence.

"Clause two—It is not the intention of the allies (Teutonic) to deprive of political independence those nations which lost it during the war.

"Clause three—The question of submission to this, that or the other country of those nationalities who have not political independence can not, in the opinion of the powers of the Quadruple Alliance, be solved internationally. In this case it must be solved by each Government together with its peoples in a manner established by the constitution.

"Clause four—Likewise, in accordance with the declaration of the statement of the Quadruple Alliance, the protection of the rights of minorities constitutes an essential part of the right of peoples to self-definition, indicated by a constitution.

"Clause five—The Governments of the allies (Teutonic) also recognize this principle. (This refers to Clause Five of the Bolshevik peace terms, stipulating that each belligerent country shall be required to pay contributions and that private persons shall be compensated for losses incurred through the war from a special fund contributed by all the belligerents on a proportional basis.) There is a material possibility of mutual refusal not only to refund war expenditures, but also to pay for damages caused by the war. In this event each belligerent would be required to bear only the expense of its subjects made war prisoners and to pay for damages caused to civil subjects of an adversary by deliberate violations of international law. The creation of a special fund for this purpose, as suggested by the Russian Government, can be discussed only in case the other belligerents join in peace negotiations before the expiration of a certain time.

Wants Colonies.

"Clause six—Of the four (Teutonic) allied powers, Germany alone possesses colonies. On the part of the German delegation, in full accord with the Russian proposals regarding that, the following is declared: "The return of colonies forcibly seized during the war constitutes an essential part of Germany's demands, which Germany can not renounce under any circumstances. Likewise, the Russian demand of an immediate evacuation of territories occupied by an adversary conforms to the German intentions. Having in view the nature of the colonial territories of Germany, the realization of the right of self-determination, beside the above outlined considerations, in the form proposed by the Russian delegation is at present practically impossible.

"The circumstance that the German colonies, notwithstanding the greatest difficulties and the improbability of victory in a struggle against an adversary many times stronger and who had the advantage of unlimited import by sea, remained in the gravest circumstances faithful to their German friends, may serve as a proof of their attachment and their resolve by all means to preserve allegiance to Germany, proof of which by significance of weight is far superior to any expression of popular will.

Economic Relations.

"The principles of economic relations proposed by the Russian delegation in connection with the above second clause are approved wholly by the delegation of the Allied Powers, who always have denied any economic restrictions and who seek in the re-establishment of regulated economic relations which are in accordance with the interests of all peoples concerned, one of the most important conditions for bringing about friendly relations between the powers now engaged in war."

Bolshevik Side.

Chairman Lofte, of the Bolshevik delegation, expressed gratification at the willingness of Germany to conclude peace on the basis of no annexations, no indemnities and the self-definition of peoples, but pointed out that the self-definition of peoples within the limits granted by constitutions as stated by the German reply was not complete.

"Renouncing the application of the right of the strong nations with regard to territories occupied during the war," he said, "the powers of the Quadruple Alliance at the same time give all their opponents an immediate peace ground. They affirm that the right of the stronger, after unprecedented bloodshed, shall be received in all its integrity within each of the countries with regard for little and oppressed nationalities.

"The war cannot end without the violated rights of those nationalities being re-established. The Russian delegation insists that those nationalities must in the very next peace treaty establishing a general peace among all nationalities, receive on the basis of international agreement, guarantees that their lawful rights shall be protected. A lapse of time in no case legalizes the violation of one people by another."

Compensation.

Regarding compensation for the maintenance of prisoners of war, the Bolshevik chairman said it might be construed as an indemnity. He insisted that an international fund to pay damages against private persons be formed.

Colonies.

He had no objection to Germany's request that her colonies be evacuated by the Entente troops. His delegation, he stated, notwithstanding differences of opinion, thought that the German declaration that Germany has no aggressive plans, offered the possibility of the immediate beginning of negotiations for a

general peace among all the belligerents. He proposed a ten-days' recess until January 4, so that the people whose Governments have not yet joined in the negotiations for a general peace may have an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the principles of such a peace as now is being established.

"At the expiration of the indicated time," he declared, "the negotiations must be resumed, disregarding whether or not other belligerents have joined in the negotiations, or how many."

The next session of the conference was set for December 28.

## SAME OLD SPIRIT BUT SILENT NOW

Canadians in France No Longer Sing as They March, but

## DETERMINED AS EVER, SAYS BRIG.-GEN. LOOMIS

Canadians who have friends or relatives at the front will take keen interest in a letter from Brig.-Gen. Loomis, who commands the Western Canadian Infantry Brigade. The letter appears in the Christmas number of The Listening Post and is as follows:

"Dear Colonel Gilson,—The Listening Post, through merit, has outgrown the local and prescribed functions of a regimental journal, and even of a brigade publication. It is known and read not only throughout the Western Canadian Infantry Brigade, but circulates widely in Canada.

"With your kind permission, I wish to convey through the medium of The Listening Post:

"First, a message from every member of the Western Canadian Infantry Brigade to anxious hearts at home, to assure them that they have our constant love and devotion, our daily thoughts, and our wishes for a Merry and Happy Christmas. Keep home fires burning. Keep our places in your hearts and in our homes fresh and fragrant, for though long years and long leagues separate us, our love and loyalty know no space of time nor distance.

The Message to the Brigade.

"Second, a message to every officer, non-commissioned officer and man of my brigade—the brigade which I am proud and fortunate to command. Loyal, faithful and true, courageous and able, you have seen your duty— you have done and are doing it. I wish you all a Happy and Merry Christmas.

"I wish to assure all of my appreciation of their good and faithful work during the almost year and a half that I have commanded the brigade. During that time we have been up and down the line, from Belgium to the Somme, and have taken part in many operations. Deeds have been done and scenes witnessed which will remain for ever deeply engraved in our memories.

What Has Been Seen.

"We have seen the enemy driven in disorder, bombed, bayoneted and shot. All the bodies lay piled in heaps, and almost every shell-hole held its quota of their dead. We have lived amid the scattered ruins of ancient cathedrals and chateaux, among the twisted iron vitals of monster industries, and in the cellars of shattered and deserted homes. We have seen the household treasures, the children's toys, broken and abandoned in the street.

"We have laid the bodies of many of our best under rows of little wooden crosses. We love those comrades who have fallen; we remember their deeds, and recall their deaths with pride and joy, and we know that their souls go marching with us. We know that the spirit of devotion that animated them remains with us, and we feel that the enemy has no battalions, no gas, guns, shells, nor bombs which will dampen or deter this spirit of determination—the Canadian Spirit.

Spirit Strong as Ever.

"We remember when we first came to France, the men usually sang on the march. But for some time back marches are mostly made in silence. We have listened to the solemn clock, clack of our men marching in regular cadence on the pave of the Grandes Routes Nationales; to the soft 'tamp, tamp' on the clay lanes; to the 'suck, suck' on the sticky and slippery mud, and to their march in single file over shell-holes and grassy tracks when on their way to the trenches. We have heard them go by in their thousands, and silent. Why is this? What are the men thinking about? Has their enthusiasm diminished? Is the spirit changed? No! The Old Spirit is with them as strong as ever. Their faces in the sunlight, if you watch them, will tell you this. The swing of their bodies and the sound of their feet speak of confidence and determination.

Canada's Sons Ready.

It is three years, over, since the First Canadian Contingent sailed away from Canada, and they now march silently over the roads and lanes of France and Flanders because their thoughts are of homes and loved ones far away. They know that fathers, mothers, wives, children and sweethearts are also thinking of them and working for them.

Happy Canada which possesses such well-loved homes! Fortunate country with such loving fathers and mothers, such faithful wives, such devoted children, such affectionate sweethearts! So long as Canada possesses such as these, her sons will be ready to go to the ends of the world to fight for them, to die for them, and they will love them forever."

## TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO TO-DAY

Victoria Times, December 27, 1892:

It is understood that Rear-Admiral Stephenson, C. B., starts for the Pacific to assume his new duties in command of the Pacific squadron at the beginning of next month. It is also rumored that the Royal Arthur may not be the flagship after all.

The case of the Oscar and Hattie schooner charged with a violation of the modus vivendi prohibiting sailing in Behring Sea will come up before the Admiralty Court to-morrow morning.

Farwell was said recently to Messrs. G. E. Powell and P. S. Lampman, who having been admitted to the Bar, intend to practice their profession in this city, on leaving Toronto.

## MINISTER OF RAILWAYS IS NOW RIGHT OUT FOR RE-PAYMENT BY C.N.P.R. CO.

(Continued from page 1.)

tain and operate certain branch lines or extensions of railway within the Province of British Columbia as follows:

"On Vancouver Island 150 miles; also from the City of Kamloops, on the mainland, to the Cities of Vernon and Kelowna and to Lumby, and to the east arm of Okanagan Lake, a total distance of 145 miles; also from New Westminster to Vancouver, 11 miles; also from New Westminster to Steveston, 15 miles; also from the City of Victoria to Union Bay, 18 miles.

"On all these branch lines and extensions the Province of British Columbia guaranteed the principal and interest of the bonds of the railway company to the extent of \$35,000 for each mile of railway, or a total guarantee of \$11,975,000. Of this amount bonds to the extent of \$5,258,829.67 have been executed and pledged for advances of money to the extent of \$1,828,107.57, and bonds for \$5,716,179.23 have been executed but not yet issued.

Island Excess Payments.

"Of the 150-mile extension on Vancouver Island the estimated cost was \$6,677,256.25, and on account of the work done your company was entitled to the payment of \$42,250 from the trust funds, but your company improperly obtained the sum of \$1,350,912.34, or an excess payment of \$608,562.34.

"Of the 145 miles on the mainland connecting the City of Kamloops with the other places mentioned, the estimated cost was \$4,285,000, and on account of work done and properties purchased your company was entitled to receive from the trust funds the sum of \$569,992.50, but as a fact you improperly received \$239,927.96 in excess of the amount you were entitled to receive.

"In respect to the line of railway between New Westminster and Vancouver, which was estimated to cost \$4,615,700, you have as far as this Department is aware done no work thereon.

New Westminster and Victoria.

"In respect to your line of railway from New Westminster to Steveston you have partially built this line and were entitled to receive from the trust funds the sum of \$201,757.50 on account of work, but you have improperly obtained payment of \$86,956.95 in excess of what you were entitled to.

"In respect to your line of railway from the City of Victoria to Union Bay this line has been completed and is in operation, and in connection with the construction thereof you were entitled to receive from the trust funds the sum of \$372,400, but as a matter of fact you received \$532,000, or an excess payment of \$159,600."

Wants Return of \$1,091,955.36.

To recapitulate, you have received excess payments as follows:

Vancouver Island Extension \$ 608,562.34  
Kamloops Extension 229,927.96  
New West. to Steveston 86,956.95  
Victoria to Union Bay 159,600.92

Or a total of \$1,091,955.36

"On behalf of the Province, I must request that you restore these moneys to the trust funds from which you improperly received them. I must also request that you furnish this Government with a statement of what you intend to do in respect to all these undertakings which, with the exception of the line of railway between the City of Victoria and Union Bay are in default, and I wish to further impress upon you the necessity for prompt and serious consideration and action in respect to these matters."

## FRANCE AND GERMANY AND THEIR PRISONERS

Paris, Dec. 27.—An official note announces the reaching of an agreement between the French and German Governments for the exchange of prisoners by which non-commissioned officers and private soldiers of 40 years of age or over who have been in captivity more than eighteen months will be repatriated. Officers in the same category will be interned in Switzerland.

Appreciable improvements also are obtained through the agreement for the men still in captivity as regards letters, parcels, regulation of work and discipline.

The negotiations for the repatriation or internment of men of 40 years of age and having three or more children have failed, says the note, "notwithstanding the generous efforts of the Swiss Government."

## WOOL NEEDED BY FORCES OF STATES

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Asserting that the shortage of wool is likely to affect seriously the operations of the American troops abroad, the board of governors of the National Sheep and Wool Bureau to-day denounced in a resolution the hoarding of fleeces throughout the United States. "There are individuals throughout the country who are hoarding wool clipped three years ago, with the apparent purpose of obtaining still higher prices," the resolution says. The resolution will be submitted to the various Councils of Defence.

## THINKS AUSTRALIA WILL CONSCRIPT MEN

Businessman From Commonwealth Says I. W. W. Responsible for Recent Vote

"Yes, Australia will have conscription. The real Australian knows that conscription is a necessity and in the last analysis the expression of the true man and patriot will prevail."

B. F. Cox, director of the firm of John L. Metcalf Co., Ltd., Melbourne, Australia, passed through the city this morning en route to Montreal and gave expression to the above sentiment when questioned by a Times representative on the subject of the defeat of conscription in Australia. Mr. Cox, as representative of business interests in Montreal, is making the present journey to complete arrangements for wheat elevator contracts for the Southern Commonwealth that will total \$5,000,000 in quotations.

Direct from the scene of the recent referendum on the conscription issue, Mr. Cox sees clearly what he believes to be the only solution and in fact the inevitable honorable solution of the present situation. Conscription, he said, was defeated by one hundred thousand recruits of the Industrial Workers of the World, who besides registering their own votes, conscripted the ballots of their female relatives possessing the privilege of the franchise. "They are men," he affirms, "who are physically fit and of age for army service yet they are determined they will not fight. They are men whose lives have experienced the industrial prosperity caused by a world conflict and they are satisfied to enjoy those benefits while their brothers go to the trenches. The lowest grade of unskilled labor have received as much as \$5 a day for filling wheat sacks. Their attitude against the war has been so expressed that on one occasion these same I. W. W. followers refused to coal a hospital ship."

Mr. Cox, however, is confident that the horizon is clearing. The defeat of conscription means, he feels, that the present administration will resign. The leader of the opposition, F. G. Tudor, would then be called upon to name a ministry that could last but a short time. The task of forming a Government would then fall upon Sir Wm. Irvine, leader of the Liberal party. His policy, Mr. Cox feels, would be to immediately enforce conscription as a Government measure without again going to the people.

## MR. LLOYD GEORGE AND GENERAL NIVELLE.

Statements have been repeatedly made of late that early in the year Mr. Lloyd George favored placing the British troops in France under the direction of General Nivelle, who had then been appointed French Commander-in-Chief. It is said that the suggestion showed the Prime Minister's bad judgment, as General Nivelle did not turn out the military genius expected and soon ceased to be French Commander-in-Chief. The military correspondent of The Daily Telegraph explains that this version of the matter is a myth. His story of what took place is as follows:

General Nivelle proposed, in January, 1917, that the British and French armies should pool their reserves for a tremendous blow against the German centre. He further proposed that on this battlefield and to dispose of these reserves one chief should be in command. He professed himself quite ready to serve under the British Commander-in-Chief if the two Governments so decided, but laid stress on the essential condition of a single will directing the operation in question. He further drew attention to impending events in Russia and elsewhere as additional reasons for striking hard with a minimum of delay.

After repeated conferences and much waste of time the proposals of General Nivelle were accepted in some degree at the Calais Conference, but were never put in practice. The two armies delivered their attacks on separate sectors in April, 1917. Allenby at Arras and Nivelle on the Aisne won important victories, stormed strong positions, captured many thousand prisoners, but each army fell short of penetrating the German fortified zone, and was finally held up by rigid and stubborn positions. General Nivelle is justified in asserting that his contention was proved correct by the tragedy of the event. On the other hand, the British authorities were no doubt correct in one important question: Neither the state of the weather nor the necessity for making good the losses of the Somme made it possible to begin the offensive campaign on a great scale before April 9, 1917. In fact, this date was hazardously early under the circumstances.

The experience of the spring offensive showed the necessity not for placing the Western Command under a Commander-in-Chief but of co-ordinating the effort on all fronts, as will now be done by the Supreme War Council.—London Chronicle.



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Pyjamas of extra heavy flannelette, in plain white, pink also fancy stripes. Good values at, a suit, \$2.75 and \$2.50.

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Flannelette Nightgowns in slip-over styles, neatly trimmed with embroidery. Special value at \$1.75.

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Prettily designed Slippers, in colored felts, finished with soft lambs-wool insole. The shades are pale blue, grey, lavender, blue with white, old rose with white, brown with white. A pair, \$2.00.

Kid and Suede Boudoir Slippers, finished with large pompom, soft sole and rubber heel. In shades blue, pink, purple, grey, red, brown and black. A serviceable quality at, a pair, \$2.25.

Evening and Dress Slippers, white kid and silver grey Pumps, some trimmed with

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Dark Brown and Cream Pumps, a pair, \$9.00.

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—Selling, First Floor

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Handkerchief and Embroidery Linens, 36 to 45 ins. wide, priced, a yard, 65c to \$2.50.

—Linens, Main Floor

## Navy Serge Dresses for General Wear Most Fashionable



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—Selling, First Floor

## Stylish Shirts for Men and Boys

Men's Print Shirts, of fine grade prints, finished with starched collar band, soft double cuffs and soft collar to match. Splendid selection of fancy stripes and white; all sizes. Spencer's special value at \$1.25.

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Boys' Shirts, in the same style, but cut smaller in body. Sizes 12 to 14 neck. Special, each, \$1.00.

Better Grade Negligee Shirts for men in the same style. Each, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.00.

—Furnishings, Main Floor

## Boot Values for Boys Worth Considering

Good reliable Footwear for boys, and just what they need for the wet, dirty season. Compare these values.

Boys' Box Calf Bluchers, broad toe last, a medium weight boot that will give lots of wear. Sizes 11 to 2, a pair, \$2.95. Sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2, a pair, \$3.45.

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—Selling, Main Floor

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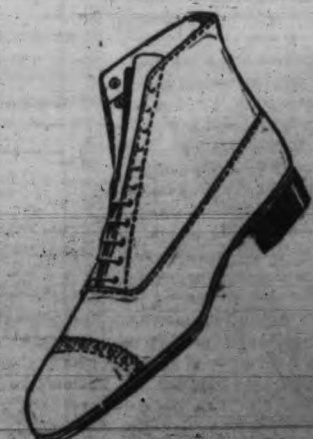
—Crockery, Second Floor

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—Men's Boots, Main Floor



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UTILIZE TIMES WANT ADS

## Social & Personal

Andrew Tait returned from Vancouver yesterday afternoon after spending the Christmas holidays on the mainland.

Mrs. David J. Clark returned to her home in Vancouver yesterday after spending the Christmas with friends in this city.

Lieut. and Mrs. P. A. King, of Victoria, spent the Christmas vacation in Seattle, where they were guests at the Washington Hotel.

Miss Doris Kitch and her brother, G. B. Kitch, of Ladysmith, have been the guests of their mother, Mrs. P. B. Kitch, for the holidays.

Miss Laura Jewell, of the Central School staff, of Rossland, B. C., is visiting in Victoria and Vancouver during the school vacation.

Principal H. Stranberg, of the Ladysmith High School, is visiting in Vancouver, where he has been the guest of friends for the Christmas vacation.

Major and Mrs. Charles Dodd, of Camp Lewis, Washington, are spending part of the holiday season visiting friends in Victoria and Vancouver.

Mr. and Mrs. Oswald Barton returned to the city on yesterday's boat from Vancouver, where they were the Christmas guests of Mrs. Barton's brother.

George H. Deane, who is in charge of the vocational work of "J" Unit, Esquimalt, is on a short visit to Calgary in connection with the duties of his department.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caldwell and their two sons, of Seattle, are spending the holidays as the guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Allen M. Caldwell, of this city.

C. G. Cowan, of Kamloops, one of the most prominent stockmen and ranch owners in the Cariboo, is at the Empress Hotel, and intends to remain in the city for a few days.

Mrs. Robert Macdonald, late of 2664 Cedar Hill Road, will not be at home this week, but will be pleased to see friends on Thursday, January 3, at her new residence, 1633 Chamberlain Street.

Mrs. E. A. Neame, accompanied by her daughter, is leaving the city today to spend a vacation in the South. They will visit in Berkeley, California, and expect to be absent from the city for about two months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Clute, of New Westminster, are spending the Christmas holidays as the guests of their daughter, Mrs. C. J. Fagan, of this city. They will return to the mainland after the New Year.

The engagement has been announced of Miss Nina Tulloch, second daughter of James L. Tulloch, of Howland Avenue, Toronto, to Flight-Lieut. R. S. Greig, second son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Greig, Burdett Avenue, Victoria.

Mrs. N. A. Foster has invited the members of the J Unit Chapter, I. O. D. E., to a social evening at her home, 1545 Fern Street, corner St. Margaret's School, on Friday, 28th, commencing at 7:30 o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon at "Bread-bane," Miss Louise Katherine Swegle and Charles John Dowdell were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. Campbell. They were unattended and left on the afternoon boat for the Sound City, where they will make their home.

Major-Gen. R. G. Edwards Leckie, C.M.G., is visiting in Vancouver as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Gilles. On Christmas Day he was among the guests who attended the dinner given to the soldier patients at the Vancouver General Hospital.

Miss Eva Hart left the city on this afternoon's boat to take part in the "The Messiah," to be given at the Wesley Church, Vancouver, to-night. Miss Hart will sing the soprano solos and recitatives in the oratorio, which is being given under the auspices of the Vancouver Musical Society.

Arrangements are now complete for the children's ball to be held at the Empress Hotel on Friday, January 4. Some beautiful dances have been arranged to take place during the evening for the amusement of spectators. Tickets for this enjoyable event may be obtained of Mrs. Mortimer Appleby, 516 Linden Avenue, Highborn-Bone, Ltd., Campbell's Drug Store and at the Empress Hotel.

H. A. Robinson, Foreman at Cameron-Genes Mills, Married Victoria Girl Yesterday.

Last evening, at the residence of the bride's parents, the marriage was solemnized of Harry Albert Robinson, son of the late John Robinson, of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Ella MacFarley Jackson, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Jackson, 1031 Queen's Avenue.  
Handsomely gowned in white crepe-de-chine, with conventional orange blossoms and veil and carrying a bouquet of bridal roses, the bride entered the drawing-room to the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March, played by Miss Thain. She was attended by her sister, Miss Ruby Jackson, as maid of honor. Little Miss Juanita Jackson made a charming ring-bearer and Miss Marion Cameron was a dainty flower girl. The groom was attended by Chester J. Vincent, of Portland, Ore. During the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. Dr. H. N. McLean, of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, the wedding party stood beneath a large white satin wedding veil. After the ceremony the bride and groom and guests enjoyed a dainty repast.

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a table decorated with Yuletide decorations and centred with a huge wedding cake.

The groom is a foreman at the Cameron-Genes Shipbuilding Yard, and among the many handsome gifts received was a lounge presented by his fellow-workers.

The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Newitz, Mr. and Mrs. McDonald, Mr. and Mrs. Frederickson, Mr. and Mrs. Vescombe, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sprinkling, Mr. and Mrs. Maidmont, Mr. and Mrs. Dick, Mr. and Mrs. Shingles, Mrs. Mary Cracknell, Mrs. Gadd, the Misses Louise Cracknell, Alice Gibbons, Holcomb, S. Moore, Thain, Margaret Clark, Vivian Ingram, Frances Clark, Messrs. J. Mullellay, C. J. Vincent, Bannerman, J. Gibbons, R. Finlay.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson are leaving on this afternoon's boat for Seattle for a two weeks' tour of the Sound cities, and will be "at home" at 1634 Queen's Avenue after January 8.

The WEATHER  
Daily Bulletin Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 27.—5 a. m.—An important ocean storm area is causing easterly gales on the Coast from Vancouver Island and to Oregon and these may extend to the Straits and Sound. Heavy rains have occurred both here and on the Lower Mainland, and intense cold prevails on the northern coast, in Cariboo and Kootenay, and in the prairie provinces the temperature ranges from 20 to 40 below zero.

Victoria-Barometer, 29.81; temperature, maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 27; wind, 8 miles N.; rain, .53; weather, rain. Vancouver-Barometer, 29.87; temperature, maximum yesterday, 35; minimum, 24; wind, 4 miles N.; rain, .53; weather, rain.

Nanaimo (Entrance Is.)—Barometer, 29.80; temperature, minimum yesterday, 28; wind, 3 miles E.; rain, .58; weather, rain.

Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.84; temperature, maximum yesterday, 39; minimum, 16; wind, calm; weather, clear.

Penticton—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; snow, 2.5.

Grand Forks—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 28; snow, 4.6.

Nelson—Temperature, maximum yesterday, 21; snow, .70.

Kamloops—Snow, 16 inches; highest temperature, 36 on 19th; lowest, 19 below zero on 21st.

Portland, Ore.—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Seattle—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

San Francisco—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Calgary—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Edmonton—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Winnipeg—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Toronto—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Ottawa—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Montreal—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Quebec—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

Halifax—Snow, 14 inches; highest temperature, 25 on 19th; lowest, 21 on 21st.

## VALUABLE FURS

White Trappers Have Taken \$400,000 Worth During Season, Says Game Warden.

Reports from the fur trappers of the province now coming in to the game warden show that this year has been a record year for fur production in the province. Nine hundred and forty-seven of the 1,161 licensed trappers have reported. Their catches, valued at conservative prices, total over \$300,000. This is exclusive of the \$100,000 realized from coyotes, which, being classed as vermin, do not figure on the trappers' returns.

The \$400,000 thus accounted for is only a small percentage of the fur production. There are half-a-dozen unlicensed Indians to every white trapper, and though an expert professional white trapper is a far better trapper than the best of the Indians, the Indians average much higher than the white men. "It would be safe to say that \$2,000,000 worth of furs was realized in the province in the season just ended," stated Game Warden Bryan Williams, after figuring up the trappers' returns this morning.

Most of the white trappers are ranchers, prospectors, telegraph linemen on the Yukon telegraph system and others who, at the price of a \$10 license fee, add a tidy sum to their income by laying a few traps. The professional trappers in the season, which lasts from November 1 till April 31, make as high as \$2,000 and over for their six months' work.

Prices have been very good this year, and while beaver and lynx have been less plentiful than usual, other furs have been up to normal. Marten and fisher have been exceptionally plentiful. Fisher is a large marten with a bushy tail—it is sometimes known as Pennant's marten—and at recent sales in the city brought \$25.50 per pelt for green skins. A No. 1 quality fisher brings \$50 nowadays at the fur mart.

The seasons for foxes closes earlier than for other fur animals, as in spring its fur suffers from being pulled out when the animals lie down on wet ice and snow to sleep and have the ends of their fur frozen in. The white trappers realize the propriety of letting the late foxes and other animals live during the close season, but the department has had to prosecute many Indians, who usually will trap or shoot an animal at any time of the year. The fur industry is now one of the staple industries of the province and brings a great deal of money to the outer communities.

## AT THE HOTELS

H. A. Norie, of Cowichan, is staying at the Strathcona.

A. R. Mims, of Cumberland, is at the Dominion Hotel.

Miss Lora M. Smith, of Saskatoon, is at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan, of the city, are at the Strathcona Hotel.

Mr. Dobie, of Penticton, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

J. Ambrick, of Virden, Man., is staying at the Dominion Hotel.

J. G. Malcolm, of Winnipeg, is staying at the Empress Hotel.

E. B. Males, of Calgary, is a new arrival at the Strathcona.

H. Andrews, of Cumberland, is stopping at the Strathcona.

A. S. Fosskett, of London, Eng., is a guest at the Strathcona.

S. Lucas Hunt, of Sidney, is registered at the James Bay Hotel.

C. G. Cowan, of Kamloops, arrived at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

H. Bretzina, of Hazelton, B. C., is a guest at the James Bay Hotel.

W. Paterson, of Koksilah, arrived at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

Francis Fitzsimmons, of Calgary, is stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

F. R. Holstead, of Winnipeg, registered at the Empress Hotel yesterday.

R. A. Gallant, of Chemainus, registered at the Dominion Hotel yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Kaster are Vancouver guests at the Strathcona Hotel.

Miss E. M. Oatis, of Hazelton, B. C., has registered at the James Bay Hotel.

G. H. Thornburn, of Courtenay, registered at the Strathcona Hotel yesterday.

Mrs. F. C. McMoran, of Miami, Arizona, is registered at the Dominion Hotel.

A. Ellis, from Kyugoot, is amongst yesterday's arrivals at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Johnson, from Vancouver, have registered at the James Bay Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Murray, of Lytleton, Man., have registered at the James Bay Hotel.

Mrs. A. Temple and son, from Kelowna, B. C., are staying at the James Bay Hotel.

Mrs. E. Cullen, of Calgary, is visiting Victoria and staying at the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. Hemmingsen and family, of Cowichan Lake, are guests of the Dominion Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Darke and children, of Regina, are staying at the Empress Hotel.

G. Glahome and Mrs. Glahome, of Qualicum Beach, are stopping at the Dominion Hotel.

Mrs. D. Miller and Miss Mary Miller are down from Cumberland and are staying at the Dominion Hotel.

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## SUCCESSFUL CONCERT

Given by St. Paul's Presbyterian Sunday School at Victoria West Last Night.

The Sunday School Christmas entertainment of St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Military and Naval, was held in Semple's Hall last night, and notwithstanding the rain the hall was well filled. George McCandless made an excellent chairman, and Messdames Hall, Oatford and Dickson had charge of the music, while the superintendent and the teachers looked after things in general. Chief Petty Officer Pearce, who was to have taken part, was unable to be present through illness.

Every item on the programme was well rendered and well received, the club singing and the duet by the two little Paterson sisters attracting special attention. Mr. Semple was in fine form, being encored twice. Mrs. Beasley is always appreciated, and on this occasion as much as ever. Miss Christie sang very sweetly. Miss Hastings is a good reciter, and received a vociferous encore. The general verdict was, "everything was good, even the collection."

Awards of seals and diplomas were announced by the secretary. Two hundred New Testaments were awarded and will be given to the children at Sunday School next Sunday. Each boy and girl present received a bag of fruit and candy, and all went home quite happy.

## ARRIVES HERE

Reverend Cecil Swanson Will Take Up Appointment at University School.

Reverend Cecil Swanson, B. A., who has arrived in Victoria to take up an appointment at the University School, accompanied by his wife and little daughter, has been for five years in the diocese of the Yukon, under Bishop Stringer.

Mr. Swanson, who graduated at Toronto University, is glad to return to civilization, for while recently he has been rector of the Anglican Church in White Horse, most of his missionary career has been away from the beaten track, among the natives of the northern territory.

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- 25 Coats** Good quality tweeds and waves-of-the-sea cloth, designed in a variety of full back and belted effects. Large collars, fancy cuffs and pockets are points you will admire. Regular to \$29.50. Year-End Sale ..... **\$14.75**
- 25 Coats** Tweeds, chinchillas and waves-of-the-sea cloth. All new, effective styles, and made of heavy, serviceable quality material. Regular to \$32.50. Year-End Sale ..... **\$18.75**
- 14 Coats** A small group of the best Tweed Coats our stock affords. They are stylish, well-finished and are trimmed in many instances with soft, lustrous plush. Regular to \$39.50. Year-End Sale ..... **\$22.75**
- 24 Coats** Handsome Velour Coats in such desirable shades as navy, green, nigger brown, Burgundy and purple. They display some extremely smart belt effects and the collars are prettily trimmed with plush. Regular \$36.00 to \$42.50. Year-End Sale ..... **\$24.50**
- 20 Coats** Pick of our exclusive stock. They are belted, have wide Velour and Broadcloth Coats that are undoubtedly the pick of our exclusive stock. They are belted, have wide collars trimmed with fur fabric and are exquisitely finished in every detail. Regular to \$49.50. Price ..... **\$32.75**



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## WHAT FLIRTATION DID FOR BEATRIX

"Scandal" is Intense Story in Which a Lovely Woman is Involved

Beatrice Vandervylke is the spoiled daughter of a wealthy New York family. The Vandervylkes are at the top of the social ladder and own more of this world's goods than is well for them. As a result Beatrice, barely known, her mother and family. Their time is so completely occupied with social affairs that they have little to spare for their daughter. She is allowed to rule her own destinies, the only curb put on her freedom being the companionship of a more or less weak-willed English woman, Mrs. Keane. Another strong factor in her life is the whole-hearted devotion of her mother's sister, her Aunt Honoria.

Beatrice indulges in a gay little flirtation with Sutherland Yorke, a successful portrait painter who is known for his unprincipled dealings with women. With a fine disregard for the conventions, she visits his handsomely appointed studio apartment in the evenings and it is on one of these occasions that her disillusionment is accomplished. Yorke, believing her to be sufficiently fascinated makes the mistake of attempting a passionate love scene, and Beatrice, incensed at the effrontery, gathers up her wraps and sweeps from the room.

A couple of days later she is summoned to a family council at the Vandervylke country home where an elaborate house party is in progress. Here Beatrice learns that her visits to Yorke's studio have been found out and the family determined to avoid even a breath of scandal, have arranged to send her West until the gossip is laid. Beatrice is aghast. Her denials make no impression. Suddenly she catches

sight of Pelham Franklin in the great entrance hall and a daring plan enters her head. Franklin is a wealthy young American whom her parents have suggested to her as a possible husband. With the appearance of a naughty child forced to disclose a carefully guarded secret, she tells them that she has been to the apartment house, but that instead of visiting Yorke she had been in Franklin's rooms which were directly across the hall from the painter's. Furthermore, she claims her right to do so, and here perpetrates her crowning audacity. She asserts that she has been secretly married to Franklin.

It is easy to imagine all sorts of possible outcome from this situation. How it really turns out is intensely interesting. The drama is seen this week at the Dominion Theatre.

## ANIMATED VIEWS OF HALIFAX DISASTER

First Film of City at Royal To-day; Also Magda

The management of the Royal Victoria have secured for to-night, Friday and Saturday, the first series of animated views of the terrible Halifax disaster. This picture portrays in a vivid manner the awful damage done to this city by the explosion in the harbor of the French munition ship. There is no doubt that this picture will be of great interest to Victorians, as it will show to them in a manner which would otherwise be impossible, the need of help which to the present time has been given so generously by the citizens of this community.

In addition the regular programme will be shown which includes a very fine presentation of the great stage success, "MAGDA," in which Clara

Kimball Young is starred, the balance of the programme being made up of a comedy and weekly.

## PANTAGES OFFERS GOOD COMEDY BILL

Six-Act Programme of Vaudeville Makes Snappy Show for Holiday Entertainment

George Choo has produced many very successful condensed musical comedies but probably the most successful of all is his celebrated "Courtroom Girls," a fast moving and delightfully enjoyable vaudeville production presented with a wealth of picturesque scenery, and costumes and any number of pretty and lively girls. Satisfying in theme, "The Courtroom Girls" deals in a comical manner with the subjection of "mere" men. The scene is laid within a courtroom where a couple of supposed miscreants are on trial before a female judge and jury. The two male "criminals" have been arrested by a winsome young police woman and have been carted off to the hostile bound in ribbed hand-cuffs. Thus they are brought into the courtroom and the progress of the act has to do with their many funny experiences while the evidence against them is being presented. Robert Milliken, a well-known comedian who has recently been starring in Triangle film comedies, is seen in the leading role, while about him are grouped many popular players, including Ruth Francis and Herbert Brooks. The act throughout is bright and showy, and many tuneful song and dance numbers add to the general enjoyment produced.

The headliner is supported by five good acts and the tone of the whole bill is comedy. Chauncey Monroe and company offer an amusing sketch entitled "A Business Proposition." It is heavily laden with the stuff that makes people laugh. Jackson and Wahl are a pair who have lately featured in the New York Winter Garden. They have a musical oddity of the fifty class and Jackson puts the snap into it by an eccentric dance which has no parallel in vaudeville.

Marie LaVarré is another Winter Garden favorite who makes a highly attractive spot in the programme. She is a chic comedienne and her offering is decidedly well liked. The Hill-Ackerman combination open the bill with a lot of nonsense coupled with some real clever work and Burns and Lynn are a pair of top-notch soft shoe dancers who are sure enough of their ground to challenge the audience to name something in their line they are unable to dance to perfection.

There are several developments in the fifteenth chapter of "The Fatal Ring" which give the thrilling touches to an amusement programme of more than ordinary interest.

"The Freedom of the World," one of the most powerful feature films ever secured for Victoria, will be shown on the Pantages screen commencing January 7.

Returning To-Day.—This afternoon's boat included among its passengers Pte. Powers and Nursing Sisters Graves and Sharpe, who have recently returned from the front.

## PLACER STRIKES IN YUKON ARE REPORTED

W. R. Hill, Dawson Miner, Visits City; Some Impressions From the North

Two strikes of some promise are reported from the Yukon, according to W. R. Hill, of Dawson, Y. T., who is visiting in the city. Mr. Hill referred to the placer prospects on the Pelly River, a section which has hitherto received little attention from prospectors.

In the course of a chat last evening with a Times representative he made allusion to the Klondike Lake country where there has also been a placer strike.

Mr. Hill says that the companies operating in the Yukon are doing considerable preparatory work for next season's activities, although the shortage of labor is preventing the full production of the country. He is employed by the Yukon Gold Company, the largest organization of its kind on the Canadian side.

Another district to which he says interest is turning again is that formed by the creeks which flow into the Stewart River, a tributary of the Yukon. There are a number of men working individual claims, but in order to warrant the operation of machinery it would be necessary to follow the usual course of grouping a number of claims together.

He says the people in the Coast cities would be surprised at the horticultural progress made at Dawson, and the large number of fresh vegetables raised for consumption within the territory. A number of pigs and chickens are also being reared, making the mining communities less dependent on the outside world than hitherto.

The fur-bearing animals have been affected, he says, by the continued shortage of bird life, and while the price of furs is higher, with a steady tendency to increase, the trappers have not had such good seasons in the last two years as formerly. A fair number of lynx and fox have been taken, and moose and caribou are falling to the sportsman in good numbers. One proof of the shortage of natural game is shown, he pointed out, in the great increase of coyotes, which demonstrate that they have been forced out of their natural haunts by the disappearance of the ground game on which they live.

Mr. Hill, who is registered at the Dominion Hotel, is visiting a brother here. He went into the Yukon 19 years ago.

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## Clara Kimball Young in "Magda"

COMEDY

WEEKLY

### PRICE OF FEED

Order of Food Controller Fixes Rate for Bran and Shorts at Fort William.

A special issue of The Canada Gazette gives the text of an order fixing the price of bran and shorts. This price was recently quoted to the Minister of Agriculture by the Food Controller. The order follows:

"Whereas by order-in-council dated the 15th day of November, 1917, it was amongst other things provided that the Food Controller may, by written order, from time to time prescribe the maximum amount of profit or the maximum price (or both) to be charged on the sale in Canada, or within any part or parts of Canada designated by the Food Controller, of any food or foods or of any food products designated by the Food Controller;

"And whereas it is advisable in the public interest to make the following order;

"Therefore, I do hereby order:—  
"That the maximum price at which

millers shall sell bran and shorts after the 17th day of December, 1917, shall be:

\$24.50 per ton of 2,000 lbs. for bran.

\$29.50 per ton of 2,000 lbs. for shorts.

"These prices shall be for bran and shorts in bulk, freight paid at Fort William and Port Arthur. To these prices may be added the cost of bags and freight from Fort William and Port Arthur to the point of destination, east of Fort William and Port Arthur. At points west of Fort William and Port Arthur, the maximum price of bran and shorts in bulk shall be, the price at Fort William and Port Arthur, less the difference between the freight charges to such points and the freight charges for delivery at Fort William and Port Arthur.

"On all invoices covering sales made east of Fort William and Port Arthur the following information shall be given:

"(a) The maximum price at Fort William and Port Arthur.  
"(b) The freight charges to point of

destination.  
"(c) The cost of bags.  
"(d) Any rebate or other deductions that may be made."

Invited to Be Candidate.—Alderman Albion Johns was invited this morning to be a candidate for the office of Police Commissioner, but stated to his inquirers that he would prefer they should select two candidates from outside the personnel of the Council. While he did not decline the invitation, he asked them to seek other candidates, and ascertain their views before requiring him to make a decision on the subject.

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### NEWS IN BRIEF

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Come and See Punch and Judy Show, at the King's Daughters' Christmas party, December 28, Alexandra Club.

Do You Drink?—Wine glasses, \$1.75 to \$2.50 dozen; Decanters, 50c to \$1.75; Water Glasses, 50c to \$2.50 dozen. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

Active Junior Chapter, I. O. D. E.—At the regular meeting of the Rainbow Chapter, I. O. D. E., held recently it was reported that the members had turned in forty-eight pairs of socks during the past month, and that keen interest was being shown in the knitting competition recently inaugurated. Patients at the Work Point Hospital had knitted twenty-one pairs of socks for the chapter, and these had been forwarded to the Field Comforts Committee at headquarters. The proposal to establish a meeting-spot was carried unanimously, and Miss Mariel Johnson was appointed to direct this undertaking. Various schemes, such as darning, mending and gardening, were discussed as money-raising schemes. There were thirteen members present at the meeting, and one new member was welcomed into the chapter.

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Will Reply Later.—With regard to the C. N. P. R. case referred to in yesterday's Times, concerning the operation of the ferry service to the Mainland, Mayor Todd said this morning he was preparing a statement, which would be issued later.

Films for Children.—Under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary to the S. P. C. A., the little members of the Band of Mercy will be entertained at a series of moving pictures in the variety theatre to-morrow (Friday) and Saturday morning at 10.30. Admission will be free to children showing their Band of Mercy badges. The pictures shown will include "Little Mary Sunshine" and "Humane Treatment of Animals."

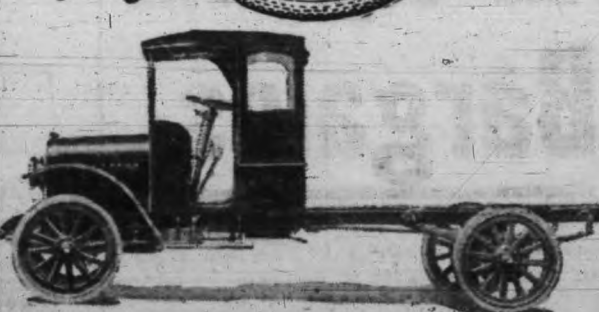
Proceeding This Afternoon.—The case against Ching, for having sold, as it is alleged, liquor to Indians, was called this morning in the City Police Court, but the City Prosecutor asked, for a remand till the afternoon, as he had not yet completed an investigation of the testimony. J. S. Brandon, who appeared for the accused, laid a preliminary objection to Magistrate Jay hearing the case, in view of the fact that it was not property before him, as the accused had not been arrested on a warrant. Magistrate Jay said the matter would have to be taken up elsewhere. The case is proceeding this afternoon.

Children's Aid Home.—In view of the receipt of a deputation from the Children's Aid Society at the City Council this evening, a reply that has been received from the Regina City officials is timely. It sets out the details under which the Saskatchewan capital this year carried out the construction of a new building on land belonging to the City. The Provincial Government, however, had a fund of \$60,000 voted by the Legislature for the care of neglected children, and in distributing it in three parts to the cities of Regina, Saskatoon and Moose Jaw, a stipulation was made that the whole of the money should be used for construction. The Regina home was estimated to cost about \$32,000, so that the Government grant rendered the new construction readily possible. The building was opened last month.

### WARD TWO LIBERAL ASSOCIATION

The annual meeting of the above association will be held in the Arcade Building, Thursday, 27th, at 8 o'clock.  
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## CHEERED AND FETED AT AMERICAN CITY

Dzen Men Who Returned This Morning Tell of Reception

### MAJ. BAPTY EXPECTS TO RETURN TO FRONT

Racing against time over the Atlantic, then to speed across the continent, in an effort to be in time to spend Christmas in British Columbia, the eighty-five returned soldiers who reached Vancouver late last night were a very disappointed body of men. A dozen of them caught the Victoria boat and arrived here this morning. They had been delayed at an American port awaiting orders long enough to frustrate their plans. Yet withal they were happy when they entered the rain belt at Mission Junction at 10 o'clock and realized that they were almost at the coast.

Major Walter Bapt, M.D., of Victoria, who returned in charge of the men, struck the keynote when he exclaimed: "I love every inch of the old province, and although I am too late to spend Christmas with my family here I am not kicking much, so glad am I to see the old province again. About the middle of the Passchendaele affair I never expected to see Canada again, and in my present mood, Victorian that I am, I believe I could almost love rainy Vancouver."

When two days out at sea wireless reports brought the boys in khaki the results of the election in Canada.

"The reports of the victory for the Union Government were received with great enthusiasm," said one, who added that the vote of the men at the front would increase the majority.

At American Port.

The party, some of whom arrived here this morning, had the distinction of being among the first contingent of Canadian troops to return by way of the United States, as the group was headed at a well-known American port. The men have pleasant recollections of that experience, for although their arrival was unheralded in the United States city, they were soon recognized as returned Canadian troops and everyone with whom they came in contact could not do enough for them. In the short time they remained there they were cheered and feted with traditional American hospitality. There were admiring throngs everywhere they went, and judging by their experiences in the few hours they were in the United States, the boys say that there is no doubt where the heart of the American people is in the great struggle. The men crossed the boundary line from New York State and their reception on the Canadian side, especially at Port Arthur, Calgary and the other western cities was no less enthusiastic.

Ideal Conditions.

The conditions on their trip, they say, were ideal in every respect and they are emphatic in their praise of the ship's officers, the military officers in charge and their treatment generally from the time they left England until they reached Vancouver. Despite the lateness of the hour, when the train arrived there was a gathering of citizens on hand to welcome them and the usual reception committees were out to accord them all the courtesies possible.

Major Walter Bapt, of Victoria, who, as stated, was in charge of the party, is a South African veteran, and he wears three little golden stripes on his arm representing as many wounds received in France. He made light of the casualties, saying that really two of them "did not amount to anything."

Major Bapt is now in the Canadian Army Medical Corps and has been away for two and a half years. He has returned on sick leave, and given what he described as good luck, he hopes to return to France before the war is finished.

Stubborn Foe.

"We have licked the Hun in France already, although it may take some considerable time to make him quit," the Major said. "At that, however, the enemy is a stubborn foe, and it will take a lot of men yet to make him realize his defeat."

All the men have the same story. The Germans are beaten, but there is still need of men—plenty of men—to drive the war to a glorious conclusion.

Pte. Prover's Evidence.

"I can testify to German frightfulness," said Pte. A. C. Prover of Victoria, pointing to a kit bag which contained several pieces of shrapnel which a German flying machine had dropped on a military hospital in which he was confined on the east coast of England for several months. The German machines, he said, made a direct attack on the hospital, and killed 15 men before they were driven off.

Several of the returned men witnessed air raids over England, and they declare that wherever possible the Germans have tried to destroy hospitals. Some of the raiders are very daring, and one of the men saw at least one German airplane who looped the loop several times, dropping a number of bombs after each circle in the air.

Interested in Elections.

All the men were greatly interested in the recent Dominion election, and according to reports, 95 per cent. of the men in the camps in which they were in England when the votes were taken, which commenced at an earlier date than in Canada, voted for Unionist candidates on the understanding

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The Personnel.

Those who arrived were: Major W. Bapt, Victoria; Lieut. Boyan, Pte. W. Brown, W. Burke, R. Gilbert, A. Hardman, H. Hutchison, Cpl. C. J. Cunningham, Lieut. C. S. Kemble, Sgt. D. Morgan, Ptes. A. C. Pover, W. Sherrett, G. Wills and J. W. Williamson.

Men who remained at Vancouver were:

Cpl. W. H. Allen and Ptes. E. L. Armstrong, A. Bates, A. J. Ball, E. Boughton, W. F. Bowes, A. W. Buckett, C. D. Clough, Staff-Sgt. E. Collingridge, Pte. W. H. Craig, Sgt. J. E. Cruickshanks (Military Medal), Ptes. J. M. Curtis, L. C. Davies, J. F. Dawson, Cpl. H. E. Dickson, Pte. H. A. Fairhead, Co.-Sgt.-Major J. R. Falconer, Pte. G. H. Faulkner, Sgt. W. Fricklin, Ptes. J. H. Gibbs, R. Gilbert, T. Grierson, Sgt. G. Greig, Ptes. S. C. Holmes, H. F. Hand, Sapper W. Harbridge, Regt.-Sgt.-Major W. Holmes, Sapper L. J. Hunt, Ptes. R. V. Hunt, N. Ikedo, J. Johnston, Ptes. J. Stewart, J. W. May, Co.-Sgt.-Major J. S. Merion, Pte. R. Mitchell, Ptes. W. E. Myatt, C. McInosh, N. McLeod, J. S. Macleod, Cpl. D. McLean, Cpl. A. H. Munro, Pte. S. Naylor, Sgt. O. Oddy, Ptes. S. Pennington, H. J. Pervue, J. Patterson, F. E. Pendergast, C. Pover, A. Pervue, Sgt. J. Radelet, Pte. J. Raymond, Actg.-Sgt. R. T. Robertson, Pte. R. H. Robinson, Lieut.-Cpl. B. J. Rose, Ptes. J. Sergeant, T. Scott, N. M. Smith, Lieut.-Cpl. R. G. Smith, Ptes. W. H. Smith, S. St. Hill, G. G. Thompson, Co.-Sgt.-Major W. Vaughan, Ptes. E. Waite, J. W. A. Wallace, W. R. Watson, K. Yoshida, C. H. Zeitzer and W. C. Adams.

## LISTENING POST IS BETTER THAN EVER

Special Christmas Number Well Illustrated and Extremely Humorous

The special Christmas number (being No. 28 of the regular series) of The Listening Post, the trench journal of the 7th (1st B.C. Regiment) Battalion, is to hand, and comprises forty-eight sheets of art paper, in size 13 by 9, all the up-to-date illustrations which appear on every page being the clever work of Corpl. Hugh Farmer. This first-to-appear journal of Canadians at the front continues to be issued by permission of Lieut.-Col. W. F. Gilson, D.S.O., officer commanding the battalion, is censored by the Chief Censor, edited by Major D. Philpot, D.S.O., and has Sgt. J. W. Campbell for its news editor. The whole production reflects more than credit on all engaged, everything about the issue being up to the best professional form.

Literary Excellence.

The literary contents are of all-round excellence, typically characteristic of conditions at the front, and written by men who know by long experience of what they write. Notwithstanding the serious work on which all the contributors are engaged, the dominant and all-pervading feature is the fact that every page and every item bubbles over with humor, and abounds with the "cheerful" spirit which, throughout, has existed among the boys at the front. It is a splendid object lesson. On the front page is a realistic trench picture of "Christmas, 1917. Somewhere in France," while on the back cover appears "Christmas, 1918 (as we hope to see it)," with the Christmas tree in "the old home" and the returned Canadian soldier recounting his experiences in the bosom of his family.

and verse it is difficult to select contributions for reproduction. The honors list of decorations awarded to officers, N.C.O.'s and men of the battalion in itself occupies three whole pages, similar lists being given in connection with the Western (Cavalry) (Saskatchewan Regiment), the "Little Black Devils" (Winnipeg), and the Western Canadian Battalion (Alberta Regiment), and running into another five full pages. These decorations include every kind of military distinction. It may, therefore, perhaps, be most appropriate to give the "editorial." The editorial is as follows:

"Berlin or Bust."

"For the third time Christmas finds the Canadians under arms in the trenches of Flanders. What they have endured during the past three years; what they have hoped for, striven for—and in their thousands died for—is not yet in sight, but the spirit that carried the original Canadian Division through the second Battle of Ypres is still marching with the Canadian Corps to-day through all the mud and slime—and hell—of the modern battlefield, and will march with them, to the only goal that is worth striving for—Peace—and a Real Peace that will make a recurrence of this hideous nightmare impossible. 'Berlin or Bust' in letters a foot high was the motto that greeted one when the first trains rolled into Valenciennes in August, 1914. 'Berlin or Bust' it is after three years—but silent now—written only in the thoughts of those who carry on.

"And to our own folks whose dearest wish was that we should be with them at the festive board this Christmas time, just the old, old message, 'A Merry Christmas and a glad New Year' from the bottom of our hearts. A Merry Christmas in the real and true sense of the word—not the abolition of all the old customs in the absence of loved ones—but the whole-hearted enjoyment of all that is worth while. Life is short and this old world too small for misery and long faces—look on the brighter side of life and keep in training at smiling ready to welcome us back. And if in the midst of all you pause with sober faces and silently drink to those who have paid the utmost price, remember that they too—those happy, cheery lads cut down on the very threshold of life—would wish it so.

### COMPANIES REGISTERED

Five Certificates of Incorporation issued by Registrar of Joint Stock Concerns During Week.

During the week ending noon to-day certificates of incorporation have been issued by the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies in respect of the under-quoted concerns, official notification of which will duly appear in this day's issue of The Provincial Gazette:

Pacific Tie & Timber Company, Limited, private authorized capital \$10,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.

The Gwelt Lumber Company, Limited, private authorized capital \$25,000; registered office of the company, Courtenay.

McTavish Fisheries, Limited, private authorized capital \$25,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.

Banfield Gunther & Black, Limited, private authorized capital \$10,000; registered office of the company, Vancouver.

The Ballard Hotel Company, Limited, private authorized capital \$10,000; registered office of the company, Kelowna.

Fined Under Prohibition Act.—Nellie McLennan was fined \$10 in the Police Court to-day for being in possession of liquor in premises other than a dwelling house.

Preparing For Election.—A start was made to-day with the procedure for nomination and election of candidates for mayor, aldermen, school trustees and police commissioners in the city, nomination being on January 14, and polling on the following Thursday.



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Say You Saw It in the Times

**DICTIONARIES**--If there's anything that sums up the year, it's the dictionary. The new Webster's is now on hand. Our plant is modern, we can give you quick service. **42-5**

**THE NEW REGULAR MEETING** of the Federal Labor Union 1445--will be held Friday, December 28, at 8 o'clock. **42-5**

**SMART BOY** wanted for K. Boat Shop, about 15 years. 115 Government Street. **42-5**

**WANTED**--Married man, for milking and farm work. Box 154, Times. **42-5**

**WANTED**--Young man, between the ages of 18 and 25, to learn the laundry business; good wages to the right man. Apply Standard Steam Laundry, 31 View Street. **42-5**

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**WANTED**--Experienced stenographer. Apply by letter, Dept. 38, B. U. Telephone Co., Ltd. **42-5**

**SALES LADY** wanted. Apply Ladies' Sample Suit House, 721 Yates St. **42-5**

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**AIRMAN KILLED**

Step-brother of Mrs. E. O. S. Scholefield is Reported Killed in Action While Serving With Naval Wing.

News has been received by E. O. S. Scholefield, Provincial Librarian and Archivist, to the effect that Lieut. Douglas E. C. Wright, of the Royal Naval Air Service, has been killed in action recently. The young officer will be well remembered by amateur hockey players in this city, since Lieut. Wright came over from New Westminster with many Royal City teams to do battle here.

In 1915 Lieut. Wright joined Sir John Eaton's Armored Motor Corps and was successful later in passing the tests for admission to the air branch of the service, in which he was gazetted with a commission last year. He has seen a good deal of service and has taken part in many bombing expeditions. He is the step-brother of Mrs. E. O. S. Scholefield.

**GOVERNMENT RECEPTION**

Premier and Members of the Provincial Cabinet Will "Receive" on New Year's Day.

Following the programme of former years, Premier Brewster and the members of his Cabinet and their wives will hold a public reception in the rotunda of the Library Building on Tuesday next, New Year's Day, from three to five in the afternoon. The general arrangements are in the hands of Provincial Librarian E. O. S. Scholefield and further particulars will be announced in due course. In the meantime Victorians, male and female, are asked to keep the afternoon of January 1 free.

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DIED  
STEWART—On December 24, 1917, at the residence, 225 Olympia Avenue, Oak Bay, Susan Ingersoll Stewart, widow of John Stewart, aged 66 years; born at St. John, N. B.

The remains are being forwarded to Ottawa for interment.

**OBITUARY RECORD**

The death occurred yesterday of Yung Woo. The deceased was 25 years of age and resided at 1808 Government Street. His wife and family are living in China. The funeral will be held on Sunday at 2:30 o'clock from the Sands Funeral Chapel.

Mrs. Rebecca Sparrow, a native of London, Ontario, died this morning at the Jubilee Hospital. She was 66 years of age and during the period that she lived in the West had her residence at 2516 Victor Street, in this city. Two sisters and a brother are living here and two brothers are in Saskatchewan. The funeral services will be held on Saturday at 2 p. m., from the Sands Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Dr. Robson will officiate.

The funeral of the late Gordon Charles Brown, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Brown, of 1046 Rockland Avenue, took place yesterday afternoon, service being held in the chapel of the B. C. Funeral Company by the Rev. A. J. Owen. The chapel was filled with the many friends of the bereaved parents. The floral tributes were extremely numerous, and the casket and hearse were literally covered with a profusion of flowers. Two hymns were sung, "There's a Friend for Little Children," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee." The pallbearers, all employees of the B. C. Motor Company, where Mr. Brown is foreman, were Messrs. K. G. Ingle, T. L. Lewis, E. J. Bent and W. G. Gerow. Interment was in Ross Bay cemetery.

Back to Civil Duties.—C. S. McKilligan, who returned from active service a few days ago, has resumed his duties as a clerk in the office of the Surveyor of Taxes.

Christmas Wedding.—On Christmas Day at the home of the bride's parents, 471 Gorge Road, the marriage was solemnized by Rev. Mr. Colwell, of David McCue and Miss Doris Lena Rigby. The bride was attired in saxe blue tulle, and attended by her small sister, Miss Hildie Rigby, and Mrs. Cheesbrough, sister of the groom. They have taken up their residence at the Gorge.

Fifteen Were Correct.—Fifteen Victorians guessed the correct number of beans in the contest of O'Connell's, Ltd., for the Overland motor car. They were as follows: A. W. Robson, 873 Oliver Street; Miss Marie Sweeney, Trutch Street; G. Furness, 1225 Cedar Harbor Road; H. A. Dibble, secretary Retail Merchants' Association; J. M. Wood, 16 Howe Street; James Hunter, 957 Moss Street; James Bland; Dr. F. M. Bryant; L. A. Slade, 422 Durban Street; the Hon. John Hart, 1140 Hill Street; G. Brady, Pacific Club; Joseph J. Wachter, 1203 Douglas Street; Mrs. Lillian Sweeney, 521 Linden Avenue; J. Montgomery, 715 Yates Street; Miss Ethel Curran, 216 Moss Street. To decide the ownership of the car, the fifteen will have to try their skill with another bottle of beans.

**COMMITTEE TO WORK OUT HOLIDAY PLAN**

Employers and Employees Discuss Half-Holiday Act Amendments

**REFLECTION ON BUTCHERS AND CHINESE DEALERS**

Following a discussion of the subject which lasted for two hours, the representatives of employers and employees which met at the Board of Trade this morning to consider what amendments, mutually agreeable, might be suggested in connection with the weekly half-holiday, appointed a sub-committee to reduce the suggestions to writing for submission to the members of the Retail Clerks' Association. The committee is composed of H. O. Kirkham (convener) and J. H. Fletcher, as representatives of the employers, and James Talbot and E. S. Woodward, as representatives of the Association.

James Forman, president of the Board of Trade, who occupied the chair, stated he believed the matter for consideration were largely non-contentious. The principal thing was to have the subject thoroughly understood by all concerned, and it must be reasonably fair to all parties, otherwise there would be little likelihood of any suggested amendments passing the Legislature. "Side-light" thrown on the screen had reference to the contention that the butchers of the City were not acting up to their agreement in connection with early closing, and that the Chinese fruit sellers, who kept open all the time, really did their principal trade in groceries.

A Working Medium. At the opening James Forman explained that the matter was one which did not properly come under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trade, and was for consideration by the meeting, whether they would prefer someone else to act as chairman. Regarding the matter for discussion all agreed that there was a general demand for a half-holiday, and the only difficulty was the workableness of the Act as it stood at present. He took it that the matter of the particular day was not one for consideration by the meeting, which was concerned with finding a working medium for the protection both of employers and employees.

After E. S. Woodward had suggested a more independent chairman than James Forman, and had stated that he considered Mayor Todd, who was not present, would be preferable, the views of the others present were unanimous in selecting Mr. Forman, and Mr. Woodward withdrew his suggestion. The chairman then read the report received from the Vancouver Board of Trade on the subject, in which mention was made that the retail section of that Board would recommend a repeal of the Act, but would support a suggestion for altering the day, Saturday having proved most undesirable for the purpose.

Christmas "Mix-Up." J. W. Spencer said that "with this Christmas mix-up in our minds" he would suggest consideration of possible amendments in regard to holiday closing when being preceded by public holidays, and after some discussion on this point, Mr. Woodward said that statements had been made that all parties were dissatisfied with the Act, which, he explained, was not true insofar as the clerks were concerned. If amendments were suggested the clerks would like to know what they were, so that they could give them their consideration.

J. H. Fletcher was satisfied the Act had come to stay, in some form or another, and he believed they were all broad-minded enough to work together in the common interests of the city, to which Mr. Woodward replied that the presence of the representatives of the Clerks' Association might be taken as an indication that they were ready to co-operate. What they wanted to know was what were the nature of the proposed amendments. On hearing this the clerks would then let the committee know how far they were prepared to go.

Must Make a Start. It seemed clear to H. O. Kirkham that if the merchants made no start the public would not do anything, and if nothing was done then they were tied to the Saturday half-holiday for another year. One of those present then inquired of J. W. Spencer how many nights before Christmas he considered it would be a fair thing to be open. Mr. Spencer stating he thought opening on the two previous holidays would be an equitable arrangement. A suggestion by the chair that for two weeks preceding Christmas the half-holiday should not apply appealed favorably to the meeting.

E. S. Woodward stated that personally he believed the Act should be made operative on certain trades. Some firms were allowed to keep open, while selling a line that hurt the business of men who were obliged to close, and he did not think this was a fair thing. Drug stores should be open on early-closing days, but only for the sale of drugs. H. O. Kirkham explained that the original proposal to the Government was to exempt certain lines of goods, and not trades or stores.

Chinese Competition. "Chinese fruit-sellers are allowed to keep open day and night," declared J. H. Fletcher, "ostensibly grocery being their main line, while, in reality, it is their main line. And you can't catch them," he added. He queried whether these Chinese dealers could not be classed as grocers. On its being pointed out that this would mean discrimination another speaker held that discrimination, at the present time, was decidedly in favor of the Chinese.

**CONTENTION IN WHICH THE CHAIRMAN**

quite concurred. H. O. Kirkham referred to the need for butchers to close the same day as the other stores, and another speaker declared that "butchers are open any hours God gives them," in reply to which Lawrence Goodacre explained that butchers had decided to close on Tuesday, and that they were closed on that day. But they did not want to have to close on a Saturday. On this subject H. A. Dibble went on to explain the conditions under which butchers were exempt from closing.

Not Keeping Agreement. "Are they living up to their agreement?" asked the chairman.

"I don't think they are," replied Mr. Dibble, who also mentioned that there was a James Bay grocery store which, in summer time, mostly sold goods exempt from the closing regulations. But his store still kept open on Saturday afternoons, and it was highly improbable that the chief lines now sold were those so exempted. It was very necessary, he said, also to keep in mind the localities in Greater Victoria which remained open when the Victoria stores were closed.

**SANTA CLAUS VISITS LOCAL ROTARY CLUB**

Organization Raised \$176.70 for Children's Christmas Cheer

The spirit of Christmas pervaded the atmosphere of the weekly luncheon of the Victoria Rotary Club held today in the Empress Hotel. Santa Claus made his visit with as cheery a countenance as though his advent had not been postponed from the previous week, and distributed his bounties with such profusion as to call forth the hearty applause of his audience. His knowledge of the characteristics and eccentricities of many prominent Victorians appeared almost boundless, and reached the point of climax when from his bountiful supply of gifts he drew forth a fat young porker, that was forthwith presented with due ceremony to Rotarian Mayor Todd, amid bursts of applause.

Announcement was made by the president, J. D. O'Connell, that the Club had raised the sum of \$176.70 that had been spent by Miss Lawson and her co-workers in the Friendly Help Society in brightening the Christmas for children during the Yuletide season, would otherwise have been a cheerless one.

The audited financial report for the year ending November 30, 1917, was read and adopted by the meeting. Quoted figures gave the income of the Club at \$2,284.92, while expenditure left a balance of \$40.54.

**W. B. A. RITCHIE, K. C., WAS SENIOR COUNSEL IN WATERWORKS SUIT**

W. B. A. RITCHIE, K. C. "He was one of the best men of my profession in British Columbia. He was one of those whose spoken word was better than most men's written pledge." In this succinct summary City Solicitor Hannington to-day bore tribute to the memory of the late W. B. A. Ritchie, K. C., whose death was announced yesterday.

Few lawyers have served the City of Victoria as well as did Mr. Ritchie in the long drawn out proceedings of the Sooke waterworks trial to its successful ending in the Privy Council last summer. Seldom did any judge have a case more logically and clearly set out than in the Supreme Court trial here nearly three years ago, which established a record for its length, and the importance of some of the issues tried. Two other officials who had much to do with him during the trial, City Engineer Rust, in his capacity as water commissioner, and City Comptroller Raymur ended this morning in speaking of his sterling worth as a man, as well as a first-class lawyer.

It is considered at the City Hall, and now that Mr. Ritchie is gone the tribute should be paid, that one of the wisest pieces of advice the former solicitor, Mr. Robertson, ever tendered to the Council was the engagement of Mr. Ritchie as senior counsel in the series of trials through the courts. He had been a former partner, with him in Halifax.

Mr. Ritchie spent a long period early in the war as chief recruiting officer in Nova Scotia, edging back to B. C. to argue the waterworks suit before the Court of Appeal.

**VICTORIA BOARD IN****FAVOR OF INCREASE**

Chairman of Freight Rates Committee Defends New Imposts Just Announced

Whether the people of Vancouver Island and British Columbia generally frowned upon the decision of the Board of Railway Commissioners to raise the freight rates to this province or not, C. P. W. Schwengers, chairman of the Freight Rates Committee of the Victoria Board of Trade, voiced his opinion to The Times this morning that the additional tariff was justified. "Freight rates are something like taxes; they have to be increased at times, and there is always at least a passive mental objection to it," says Mr. Schwengers. It was obvious, he said, that the direct result is reflected in the increased living cost, since freight rates acted directly on staple commodities of consumption. Whatever articles were affected by the new increases there would be just that proportionate additional cost to the consumer.

Must Even Up. Speaking generally on the subject, as presented by the decision of the Board, as far as the local situation is concerned, Mr. Schwengers said that it could not be expected that the railways could continue to pay double the prices they did some time for their material, not forgetting the increase in the monthly payroll, and not secure some proportionate increase in earnings. Moreover he is of the opinion that the increased cost of operating the railways of Canada indicates at once that the railways are quite justified in seeking to increase their gross earnings, provided, of course, their demands are not of an excessive nature.

He supports this train of argument by the reflection that it is always essential to the prosperity of a country that its industries should be operating on a profitable basis and the great trans-continental railway systems of Canada, he contends, are the greatest industries of the Dominion.

**How It Affected U. S.**

Some few years ago, says Mr. Schwengers, the United States adopted an undoubtedly erroneous policy towards their railways. At a time when the cost of wages and materials were advancing rapidly the Government of the Republic to the south and the Interstate Commerce Commission were maintaining an antagonistic attitude to the Railways Companies, and amongst other things refused their many applications for increases in freight rates. He declares that this had the result of driving some of them into liquidation, and in every case prevented their maintaining those vast expenditures which had been one of the great sources of prosperity to the country at large. It is generally recognized to-day in the United States, Mr. Schwengers declares, that the policy then followed was disastrous, and greatly accelerated a subsequent period of depression.

**Board of Trade Favors**

Referring to the views held by the Victoria Board of Trade on this particular subject Mr. Schwengers points out that that body was one of the few organizations of its kind in the west that did not oppose the present increases. In fact the Victoria body suggested to the Railway Commission that it considered the request of the companies as a justifiable one, if as a war measure only. The local Board emphasized the point, however, that whilst it would probably work no hardship on the average citizen, who was prosperous, and whose earnings had increased, it would work a hardship upon the dependent of the man at the front; that was positive because cost of living would be increased while there had been no attendant additional compensation coming to them. Upon the Government of the day, however, would devolve the responsibility for the dependent of the fighting man, by the increase of such a scale of remuneration that would counterbalance uncontrollable imposts.

**TAXATION BRANCH**

Changes Recently Announced Will Become Operative on January 1, Says Hon. John Hart.

The recently announced changes in the Taxation Branch of the Provincial Department of Finance will become effective on January 1, according to an announcement made by Hon. John Hart this morning.

Edward E. Leason will take up his new duties as Assistant Surveyor of Taxes and Inspector of Revenue under J. B. McKilligan, while Mr. Leason's successor, Mr. J. B. McKilligan, will be the collector for the Victoria Assessment District, will be Thomas H. Leeming.

**EXEMPTION TRIBUNALS**

Total Cases Which Came Before Boards of the Province Up to December 26.

The following are the figures for the total cases which came before Exemption Tribunals in the Province to date of December 26:

Appealed by military . . . . . 131  
Allowed . . . . . 5,210  
Disallowed . . . . . 3,957  
Total . . . . . 12,298  
Appeals by claimants . . . . . 1,662  
The "allowed" totals include the medically unfit for Class 1, all Class B, C, D, or E men whose cases have come before the medical boards, and also the cases where exemption has been allowed for certain periods.

Proud Mother (holding crying babe)—"Well, Uncle Ned isn't just the sweetest little cherub in the world!"  
"I'm not much up on cherubs, Lucy," said the uncle, "but as a specimen of plain humdrum baby he's certainly a howling success."

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**ENGINEERS-OPEN A RECRUITING OFFICE**

Number of Mechanics Wanted; Will Get Men From United States

**CAPT. W. A. CAMPBELL SUCCUMBS TO ILLNESS**

Result of Gas and Shell-Shock; Recently Presented With King's Medal

Lieut. E. Evans, of the Sixteenth Field Co., Canadian Engineers, arrived in the city early this morning and at once secured the Old Quebec Bank office for a recruiting office for his company.

In an interview this morning he said that he wanted 120 carpenters, 160 bricklayers, 120 plumbers, and tin-smiths, 70 blacksmiths and 60 tunnelers and miners. Any men who have been called up in the first draft may join this company and come in as volunteers if sworn before January 2. They should apply at once at the recruiting office, bringing the official receipt, and other papers if necessary. They will be given reasonable leave before being sent to North Vancouver.

This is a good opportunity for those who would prefer to work at their own trades rather than join the ranks.

Lieut. Evans is going south to Seattle, Portland and San Francisco to open recruiting stations at those points and will leave Sergt. G. C. Killam in charge of the local office.

**ROYAL JEWELS.**

In times of stress the English workers deposit what Mr. Weimick called their "portable property" at the pawnshop, and the French at the State establishment more euphonically called the mont-de-piété.

Royalty cannot descend to these shifts, although some of the crowned heads of Europe, through pressure of hard times since the beginning of the war, have had to dispose of their jewels.

The Czarina of Russia took time by the forelock by selling hers before the war began. Now the King of Bavaria has sold in Holland pearls to the value of half a million sterling. Equally these are the famous black pearls of his family, which, according to tradition, bring misfortune to their owners.

—Tit-Bits.



## GERMANS TALK OF BATTLE IN WEST

Instead of Peace Talk This  
Christmas, Jingoism Have  
the Stage

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A special cable dispatch to The Toronto Mail and Empire under date of Rotterdam, December 25, says:

"If Germany's Government-directed press in any way reflects the mood of the people, then there was nothing of goodwill or reconciliation in their Christmas reflections. The contrast with last year is striking. The Government had then just stretched out a friendly hand towards its enemies and was filling the world with its shouts for an 'honorable peace.' Now there is not even a whisper of the sort. Major Morath writes in The Berliner Tageblatt: 'Later in the West, we shall have done in the South and East, we shall attack at a vulnerable point. Clothed in flint and hard blows will be our answer to the speeches of the English statesmen.'"

"The Hamburger Fremdenblatt says: 'We understand what Ludendorff means when he says do not talk about peace. We understand it still more clearly when we turn our eyes to the West. It is there that they should be turned, for it is there that the stupendous decision in this war will be made. It is there that the heaviest tasks lie before us. England knows what is awaiting her, but in foolish pride she challenges fate.'"

"One or two Socialist newspapers raise their voices in protest against the revived jingo spirit."

## ARTILLERY ACTIVITY IN REGION OF YPRES. HAIG REPORTS TO-DAY

London, Dec. 27.—Except for some artillery activity north and east of Ypres, nothing of importance occurred last night, according to a report from Field-Marshal Haig issued here to-day.

## LEGAL AND OFFICIAL NOTICES

### Notice of Application for Private Bill

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, at its next session, by the Corporation of the City of Victoria, for an Act (to be known as the "Victoria City Relief Act, 1917"), providing for the following matters, and giving effect to the following resolutions adopted by the Corporation and the Municipal Council thereof:

I.—RE TREASURY CERTIFICATES  
Power to arrange for the renewal, at or after maturity, from time to time, of all or any portion of any such certificates or treasury bills heretofore or hereafter issued by the Corporation, for a further term or terms not exceeding five years from the original date or dates of maturity of such treasury certificates or treasury bills, and giving effect to the following resolutions adopted by the Corporation and the Municipal Council thereof:

II.—RE DELINQUENT TAXES  
The Act to require the Corporation or its Collector to hold a sale during the latter half of the year 1918 of all lands in respect of which general or local improvement rates are in arrears for the year 1917 or any prior year; and the owners of which shall not have an agreement in good faith with the Corporation as hereinafter outlined.

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## WILSON'S LATEST STEP IS APPROVED

Right in Taking Over Railroads,  
Say Financiers and Rail-  
road Men

New York, Dec. 27.—Almost without exception the leading bankers and executives of railroads here to-day expressed their approval of the action of President Wilson in taking over the railway lines. The course of the President had been anticipated by the railroad officials for some time, and most of them agreed that the Government's programme, as a whole, met their expectations.

In the financial district there was some uncertainty over the situation at first, but this has ended. The President's statement regarding guarantee of compensation to the railroads will have the effect of reassuring holders of railroad securities, it was asserted.

Some bankers at first expressed surprise that Secretary McAdoo also should retain his position in the Treasury, but upon closer examination of the President's plans they generally agreed that in view of the financial phase of the problem, Mr. McAdoo's retention of the Treasury portfolio was desirable.

Authorities on railway financing said that in their opinion the change in status will have little, if any, effect on the operation of the roads. They expect that Mr. McAdoo will direct questions of general policy only, leaving the actual operation of the lines to an actual staff of experts.

## NO FOREIGN LANGUAGES.

New York, Dec. 27.—The study of foreign languages in the elementary schools of this city will be discontinued after February 1, under a decision reached by the Board of Education.

## KILLED BY GAS.

Bridgeburg, Ont., Dec. 27.—John E. Cod, a Grand Trunk detective, was found dead in his room in a Bridgeburg house yesterday. He was asphyxiated by fumes from a gas stove.

## BOMB THROWN INTO AMERICAN CONSULATE

Washington, Dec. 27.—Previous reports of a bomb being thrown into the American consulate at Odessa, on December 18, were supplemented to-day by a dispatch from Consul-General Ray, who said little damage was done and no one was hurt, as the building was empty.

## PRODUCTION OF POWER FOR BRITISH USERS

Toronto, Dec. 27.—A London dispatch to The Toronto Mail and Empire to-day says:

"Proposals which would revolutionize the industry of Great Britain are contained in a report of the coal conservation committee on the supply of electrical power. The main reforms advocated are as follows:

"Construction of sixteen super-power stations in different parts of the country.

"Suppression with adequate compensation of 600 small undertakings now in existence.

"National control of the whole undertaking by a board of electricity commissioners.

"Lord Haldane, chairman of the sub-committee, strongly recommends that these actions should be taken without delay. The first object of the scheme is to economize the country's coal supply.

A national scheme such as is proposed would save 55,000,000 tons of coal annually in the production of power. It is calculated that with the saving of by-products now wasted by burning coal in open grates and boiler furnaces, a national saving of \$500,000,000 a year would be effected."

## CHINA'S LATEST "EMPEROR."

News was recently received of serious disturbances on the Szechuan frontier, in China, caused by the appearance of an aboriginal priest, who claims to be the "emperor" both of his tribes and of the nation. The priest's name is Tucha, and he has been accustomed to eat the flesh of tigers, wolves, leopards, and also the human heart.

The priest fixed the twenty-eighth day of the fifth moon of this year to raise his standard, and on that date all Mohammedans in his district might be murdered. He is alleged to have murdered already more than 2,555 Mohammedans at Chancheng.

He has issued a decree to erect pagodas of the heads of the murdered Mohammedans. The pagoda at Moku Hill, says the report, was constructed out of 5,000 human heads. On the day of his coronation 2,000 cattle and 800 jars of wine were used for the feasting of his followers. He appointed a consort and several concubines, and organized a grand secretariat, which gave appointment of viceroys to various provinces.

The "Board of Punishment" has issued a proclamation fixing curious ways of punishment. When an opium-smoker is found, his lips shall be cut; when a person is found to spread rumors, his tongue shall be cut; when a man is found swearing, a tooth shall be taken out; and thieves shall have their hands cut.

Lately a decree was issued by the priest making Haokung city his capital. The policy of his Government is to prohibit opium, to allow people to work mines, to organize relief work, and to enforce a system of compulsory education.—Tit-Bits.

If windows are cleaned with vinegar and water they will be brighter and last longer than if done with lard alone. Paint in the usual way with a soft linen cloth or leather.

## STORY ABOUT CHINESE DENIED AT OTTAWA

Report Head Tax to Be Raised  
on 30,000 Incoming Chin-  
ese Untrue

Ottawa, Dec. 27.—A report from Vancouver that the head tax is to be raised on 30,000 Chinese coming to British Columbia is given official denial here. No such action has been taken by the Government, or discussed up to the present time, it is asserted. The report is probably due to the circumstances that a considerable number of Chinamen are now en route to the Pacific Coast who, after residing in Canada for a while, returned home for a visit and were detained there because of lack of shipping facilities. As they are all Chinamen who have paid their head tax there will be no question about their re-entrance into this country.

It is understood that during recent months considerable pressure has been brought on the Dominion Government to allow the importation of Chinese labor, both for industrial purposes and farm work. Proposals have been submitted for the cultivation of large areas of western lands provided a supply of Oriental labor was made available. These proposals, however, have not received the favorable consideration of the government.

"If any proof were wanted," he continued, "that the Germans, in negotiating peace with Russia have in view their future success in the East, it would be in the personnel of the German and Turkish delegations."

Von Kuehlmann, whom I knew when he was counselor of the German Embassy in London, said the outbreak of war, in himself an avowed "Easterner," at that time his chief aim and object was to bring about an agreement between Britain on the one side and Germany and Turkey on the other, favorable to the latter two countries in regard to the Baghdad Railway.

## JAPAN HAS EYE ON THE BOLSHIEVIKI AND PEACE PLAN

Osaka, Japan, Dec. 26.—This morning the Emperor received Viscount Monoto, the Foreign Minister, with three members of the Genro, Prince Yamagata, General Matsumura and Viscount Saionji. The gravest significance is attached to the consultation, as the subject of the discussion is understood to have been the attitude Japan should take in the event of Russia concluding a separate peace.

London, Dec. 27.—A telegram received in Petrograd from Tomsik and sent here reports fighting in Irkutsk, Siberia. Cossacks and military cadets have engaged the garrison there for two days with alternating success.

## BOLSHIEVIKI PAPERS AND U. S. AMBASSADOR

London, Dec. 27.—The Bolshievi newspaper continues to print revelations of an alleged American plot to support General Kaledin, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The London Morning Post dated 26. The newspaper says that the American plot is to support General Kaledin, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The London Morning Post dated 26. The newspaper says that the American plot is to support General Kaledin, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The London Morning Post dated 26.

## RUSSIANS QUICKLY RELEASED AMERICAN

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Via London, Dec. 27.—Charles S. Smith, of St. Louis, a member of the American Railway Mission to Russia, who was arrested recently in Tschita, Siberia, was released after a few hours of detention, according to advices reaching the American Embassy here.

## CONSERVATION OF FOOD IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 27.—The issuance of bread cards which was to have been made throughout France on January 1, will not be carried out. The Minister of Provisions, Victor Boret, made this announcement to-day. He said the people of Paris and the other chief cities seemed to have grasped the seriousness of the appeal for food conservation which had been addressed to them, and that he was satisfied with the bread consumption of the past few weeks.

Restrictions in the consumption of bread have been applied since December 20 to hotels and restaurants, resulting in a saving of 20 per cent.

## BUILDING OF WOODEN VESSELS IN STATES

Washington, Dec. 27.—The wooden shipbuilding programme in the United States was described as an almost complete failure to-day by Rear-Admiral F. A. Bowles, assistant manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, testifying at the Senate investigation of shipbuilding.

The maximum number of wooden ships that possibly could be built, even if all available ship timber was delivered to the corporation, Admiral Bowles said, would total next year only 370, although the corporation has contracts outstanding for the construction of 459.

## ALBERTA RIDINGS.

Calgary, Dec. 27.—The Calgary Unionist Association yesterday received advice from Edmonton, that Brigadier-General Giesbach, Unionist candidate in West Edmonton, still led Hon. Frank Oliver in the Federal election and with only twenty small polls to hear from the Unionist candidate had a majority of 190.

In East Edmonton, Mackie, Unionist, had a majority of 650, with seven polls to hear from.

In Battle River, Blair, Unionist, had a majority of 350, with three polls to hear from, and in Victoria, White, Liberal, led by 770, with ten polls to hear from.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Secretary of War Baker is right in stating that the German peace manoeuvres should not for a moment induce the United States to slacken its preparations for war, in the opinion of H. Charles Wood, a fellow of the Royal Geographical Society and a recognized authority on military matters in the United Kingdom.

In a statement Mr. Wood pointed out that the exit of Russia from the war would remove one of the great obstacles in the way of the realization of the desires of Kaiser Wilhelm and his advisers for domination from Hamburg to the Persian Gulf, an area in which they could maintain their position without sea power.

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## IRKUTSK, SIBERIA, IS SCENE OF FIGHTING, STATES DISPATCH

London, Dec. 27.—A telegram received in Petrograd from Tomsik and sent here reports fighting in Irkutsk, Siberia. Cossacks and military cadets have engaged the garrison there for two days with alternating success.

## BOLSHIEVIKI PAPERS AND U. S. AMBASSADOR

London, Dec. 27.—The Bolshievi newspaper continues to print revelations of an alleged American plot to support General Kaledin, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The London Morning Post dated 26. The newspaper says that the American plot is to support General Kaledin, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The London Morning Post dated 26.

## RUSSIANS QUICKLY RELEASED AMERICAN

Petrograd, Dec. 26.—Via London, Dec. 27.—Charles S. Smith, of St. Louis, a member of the American Railway Mission to Russia, who was arrested recently in Tschita, Siberia, was released after a few hours of detention, according to advices reaching the American Embassy here.

## CONSERVATION OF FOOD IN FRANCE

Paris, Dec. 27.—The issuance of bread cards which was to have been made throughout France on January 1, will not be carried out. The Minister of Provisions, Victor Boret, made this announcement to-day. He said the people of Paris and the other chief cities seemed to have grasped the seriousness of the appeal for food conservation which had been addressed to them, and that he was satisfied with the bread consumption of the past few weeks.

Restrictions in the consumption of bread have been applied since December 20 to hotels and restaurants, resulting in a saving of 20 per cent.

## BUILDING OF WOODEN VESSELS IN STATES

Washington, Dec. 27.—The wooden shipbuilding programme in the United States was described as an almost complete failure to-day by Rear-Admiral F. A. Bowles, assistant manager of the Emergency Fleet Corporation, testifying at the Senate investigation of shipbuilding.

The maximum number of wooden ships that possibly could be built, even if all available ship timber was delivered to the corporation, Admiral Bowles said, would total next year only 370, although the corporation has contracts outstanding for the construction of 459.

## ALBERTA RIDINGS.

Calgary, Dec. 27.—The Calgary Unionist Association yesterday received advice from Edmonton, that Brigadier-General Giesbach, Unionist candidate in West Edmonton, still led Hon. Frank Oliver in the Federal election and with only twenty small polls to hear from the Unionist candidate had a majority of 190.

In East Edmonton, Mackie, Unionist, had a majority of 650, with seven polls to hear from.

In Battle River, Blair, Unionist, had a majority of 350, with three polls to hear from, and in Victoria, White, Liberal, led by 770, with ten polls to hear from.

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## STORY OF LATEST RAID BY MEXICANS

Details of Fight Just Across  
American Border; Mur-  
ders Committed

Marfa, Tex., Dec. 27.—Ranchers who arrived here last night from Candela, Chihuahua, brought the first connected story of the Mexican raid on Tuesday on the Brito store and the little ranch settlement in the elbow of the Rio Grande. But two men were at the Brito ranch house Christmas morning when the Mexican raiders arrived there. They were T. T. Neill, manager of the ranch, and his son, Sam. Their wives and children also were at the ranch house. The father saw the men approaching and awakened his son. The women and children were put in the most protected room and the two lone men opened fire upon the bandits, who were riding wildly toward the house. A desperate rifle battle was then fought between Sam Neill and the leader of the Mexicans at a range of 100 yards.

Neill killed his man while his father covered the approaches from the rear and fought off the Mexicans who were attempting to gain an entrance through a rear door. Two more bandits were killed, whereupon the remainder retired for a conference. A Mexican was then sent to the house with a demand that the Neills surrender. This was refused, but T. T. Neill finally delivered over the keys of the Brito store and sent a hired hand to assist in rounding up the horses in order to save the women and children from almost certain massacre.

While the store was being looted by the bandits, Rev. H. M. Dandy, of the First Christian Church, of Marfa, drove up in his car with his family to spend the day at the Brito ranch. They barely escaped, but got into the ranch house, where the minister seized a rifle and guarded a window with the other Americans.

At this time the United States mail stage from Valentine drove up to the Brito store, carrying Christmas packages for the United States soldiers stationed at Candalaria. The two Mexican passengers were killed before they could get out of the stage, and Michael Welch, the driver, was taken from the stage and hanged and his throat cut in the door of the Brito store.

T. T. Cobb, a ranch hand, approached the store during the looting, but was warned back by Foreman Guyson, who was barricaded in his house 100 yards away. Cobb, realizing what had happened, rode twelve miles to the nearest telephone and gave the alarm. Sheriff Cline and a posse started in pursuit.

## BERLIN MAKES WAR ON MINORITY SOCIALISTS

London, Dec. 27.—A dispatch from Zurich says:

"Following the arrest of minority Socialists at Cologne and Karlsruhe recently, the German military authorities made a large number of arrests on Christmas Eve in Munich, Frankfurt, Leipzig, Dusseldorf, Muehlhausen, Nuremberg, Darmstadt, Cassel, Mannheim, Coburg, Dulsburg and Gotha. More than 300 minority Socialists and local leaders in the towns mentioned were arrested."

## GERMAN STATEMENT ON ITALIAN FRONT

Berlin, Dec. 27.—Italian troops attacked yesterday at Monte Tomba, on the northern mountain front, and were repulsed, the War Office here announced to-day. The statement follows:

"The activity of the artillery abated yesterday between Asiago and the Brenta River. A spirited and harassing fire continued throughout the day on the battle sector and also between the Brenta and the Piave. An Italian attack on Monte Tomba was repulsed."

## TCHITCHERIN SET FREE BY BRITISH

London, Dec. 27.—The British Embassy at Petrograd has announced, according to a Petrograd dispatch to The London Times, the liberation of Tchitcherine and Petroff, two Russians who have been under arrest in England, and they will be permitted to return to Russia.

## BANK CLEARINGS

Vancouver, Dec. 27.—The bank clearings here for year 1917 are approximately \$100,000,000 in excess of 1916. Including the estimated clearings for the three remaining business days of this year, the clearings for the twelve months will total \$2,444,000, as compared with \$2,152,700 for the previous year.

The clearings for the past week were \$2,444,519; last year, \$2,290,000. The bank clearings in New Westminster for the week were \$352,000.

## HIGHER PAY.

Baltimore, Dec. 27.—An increase of 10 per cent and pay for Sunday at the regular rate has been allowed the telegraph operators of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad by the arbitrators appointed to adjust those two points of difference between the company and its telegraphers. The findings of the board were made public here yesterday. About 2,000 men are benefited by the award.

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## FINANCIAL NEWS

### MONTREAL STOCKS

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)  
Montreal, Dec. 27.—Local traders and brokers were much interested in the sudden advance in Wall Street values to-day to pay much attention to the local market. The improvement in the former market had absolutely no effect on the listed on this exchange, except in Ogilvie common, which was up a point. The market closed dull at yesterday's finals.

The old war loan bonds were a little firmer, the 1917 issue gaining a fraction.

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B. C. Fish ..... 40 40 40  
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### NEW YORK STOCKS

HAD A GOOD DAY

Advances of From Five to Ten  
Points in Opening  
Transactions

(By Burdick Bros. & Brett, Ltd.)  
New York, Dec. 27.—President Wilson's proclamation taking over the railroads produced a widely sensational opening in the rails on the stock market here to-day. Particularly in the high-priced issues and those in which falling earnings recently had produced the greatest declines. Advances of from 5 to 15 points were made in these stocks in the opening transactions, some of them later undergoing somewhat violent declines. The major portion of the advance in rails were held throughout



## MENNEN'S COLD CREAM

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## Whale Meat Canneries For British Columbia

Victoria Whaling Company to Establish Canning Plants on Coast for Preservation of Choicest Meats; British Armies May Be Supplied

A new industry is to be established on the British Columbia coast by the opening of canneries next season for the canning of whale meat.

The Victoria Whaling Company, which operates four whaling stations along the British Columbia coast, proposes to go right ahead with the construction of a modern canning and refrigerating plant at Kyuquot, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, and in the event of the new departure warranting it additional canneries will be established for the purpose of preparing and preserving whale meat for human consumption.

The nutritive qualities of whale meat are well-known in British Columbia and even as far down the coast as California. During the past summer the Victoria Whaling Company regularly shipped large quantities of specially-selected whale meats to the markets of the larger cities on the coast, and as the nourishing properties of this new table delicacy became more widely known the demand was greater than the supply.

S. C. Buck, manager of the Victoria Whaling Company, is authority for the statement that canneries are to be established next season for the putting up of the choicest cuts from the deep-sea mammal.

### Palatable Dish.

When properly prepared whale meat is universally acknowledged to be a particularly palatable dish and in many respects equals the appetizing qualities of venison.

The proposal of the Victoria Whaling Company is to establish modern canneries at the whaling stations to which the whales are taken after being harpooned by the gunners on the steam whalers. Only the choicest meats will be used for canning purposes.

There is an unlimited market for whale meat, and by the system of preserving this food in cans, the company will be in a position to ship whale meat to countries overseas. Samples of canned whale meat have already been prepared and the meat is declared by food experts as excellent in flavor, quality and nourishing properties.

### Whale Meat For Army.

It is not improbable that in the near future the British Government will place a large contract with the whaling interests on this coast for a regular supply of canned whale meats for the use of the armies in the field. Tests have been made and the quality declared to be satisfactory. The first of the canneries will, it is expected, be in operation by the beginning of the next whaling season.

Another cannery will probably be established in connection with the Bay City whaling station, which concern is closely allied with the Victoria Whaling Company.

ence," Dr. Goodhue told The Times representative this morning. "Perhaps in all Hawaii there is no place so beautiful as the little stretch of land on windward Molokai dedicated to the happiness of the lepers. At Kalawao, a northern segment where the original settlement was made, are the buildings of the Federal station for the study and investigation of leprosy. Most of the scientific work, however, is done at Honolulu. At Kalawao Father Damien is buried near his church. The settlement proper is at Kalaupapa. There are three churches in the settlement.

### Moving Pictures.

"Besides a settlement store, there are smaller private shops, a bandstand for the local musicians, all lepers, and a new music hall and theatre. From a gallery in the main building, for non-leperous visitors, I was able to watch the movies. What interested me very much was the enthusiastic people below, whose appreciation of the scenes appeared to be keen indeed. A spirit of wholesome mirth pervaded the place. The settlement is blessed with a competent business superintendent, J. McVeigh, and he resides close to my brother, the medical superintendent and physician. My brother left a lucrative field in medicine because of his interest in the study of leprosy, and remains because of his love for the lepers themselves. Great surgeons have praised his surgical work.

"I asked the doctor one day: 'Where do they get their fine clothes, for most of the women seem to have the latest styles?' 'That is true,' was the answer, 'and I think there is no other institutions where individuals receive so many gifts from outside as our people do.' While unafraid, the doctor is extremely careful about exposure to infection. He answers any call, at any hour of the day or night, outside of his regular trips to clinics, hospitals, and the homes.

### Life of Simplicity.

"There is no hanging sword, no danger of suspicion and arrest. No one thinks or talks about the disease. The Molokai settlement is an evolution through a series of experiences and processes of many boards and legislatures, but the best ameliorative measures are of comparatively recent date."

Dr. Goodhue, whose record occupies a large space in the biographies, is also an author as well as physician, though now retired from practice. He made some inquiries with regard to the D'Arcy Island lazaretto, having had occasion to report on the Canadian leper establishments some years ago.

The recruiting had been good, and the orator of the occasion felt well satisfied with himself. It would be graceful, he thought, to speak a few concluding words to the score of men who had dedicated themselves to "King and Country."

"And what will you think when you see the flag of the Empire standing out from its staff above the field of battle?" the speaker demanded, his face alight with patriotic fervor.

"Standin' straight out, gov'nor?" a stolid recruit questioned earnestly.

"Why, er, yes," the orator responded, in some confusion.

"I should think, then," the future Tommy announced gravely, "that the wind was blowin'—ard."

## HAPPY SEQUEL IN IMMIGRATION CASE

Coste Families Finally Landed Here After Sympathetic Agitation on Their Behalf

## HOPE TO SOON FORGET DISTRESSING EXPERIENCE

On October 29 the Coste families arrived in Victoria from Japan aboard the liner Tamba Maru.

The heads of the two families were William and Frederick Coste, rubber workers, who had been engaged in the rubber manufacturing trade in Japan. Owing to force of circumstances they were compelled to abandon the trade at which they had been engaged. Many months had to be fed, and their small stock of savings rapidly diminished. They were Britishers—in a foreign country and with no means of getting back to England they naturally turned their eyes to the nearest British territory across the Pacific.

### Carried Passports.

Armed with passports issued by British Consul Ralph Forster and American Vice-Consul E. H. Hoodman, at Kobe, they sought and secured third class accommodation through the Kobe offices of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and took passage by the Tamba Maru. They had no fears that any trouble would be experienced upon reaching this side of the Pacific.

To them the passports which they carried were sufficient guarantee that they would be admitted without question. They were sadly disillusioned, however, when the liner on which they travelled reached these shores. They believed in British liberty and British fairplay and never for a moment thought that they would be barred from entrance into the country by the provisions of the Canadian immigration law.

### Refused Landing.

On reaching here the Coste families were examined by the local immigration officials and following the preliminary investigation of their case were informed that they could not be permitted to land here as they did not comply with the immigration regulations.

The main stumbling block was the order-in-council prohibiting the entry of artisans, skilled or unskilled, into British Columbia, an order that was passed several years ago and has been renewed every six months.

Another thing against them was that they had not travelled direct from the land of birth. And they were also without sufficient funds as required by the provisions of the law.

In refusing landing to the Coste families, Dr. G. L. Milne, officer in charge of immigration at Victoria, was undoubtedly acting according to the interpretation of the law. He was merely obeying his instructions, and intimated that he had no alternative but to refuse landing.

In many quarters it was considered that the Coste families were entitled to a full investigation of their case, and it was argued that some leniency might be extended in view of the exceptional circumstances of the case.

### Case Taken Up.

On November 3 The Times laid bare the whole of the facts surrounding the refusal to permit the landing of the Coste families. Sympathy was at once aroused here in favor of the Coste

## Winter Schedule Effective Dec. 30th, 1917

### SAILINGS FOR

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## City of Nagpur WRECKED IN SOUTH AFRICAN WATERS

Bulletin, London, Dec. 27.—The British steamer City of Nagpur has been wrecked in Delagoa Bay, Portuguese East Africa, according to a dispatch to The Times from Lisbon. The passengers numbering 259 were saved as was the cargo.

The steamer City of Nagpur, of 8,331 tons, was built in Belfast in 1914. She was owned by the Ellerman Line of Liverpool, and was engaged in the eastern service.

One of six brothers who at the outbreak of war cast lots as to which one should stay behind to keep up the home has been further exempted by the Challey Tribunal.

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F. W. ADAMS,  
Secy.-Treasurer  
Victoria, B. C., 17th Dec., 1917.

### TIDE TABLE.

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Esquimalt.—To find the depth of water on the sill of the dry dock at any time, add 19.0 feet to the height of high water as above given.

### THE TIME BALL

The time ball on the Belmont Building will be raised half-mast high at 12.45 p. m., to the top at 12.55 p. m., and will be dropped at 1 p. m. daily.  
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Superintendent



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### TRYING TO DISBAR MAYOR OF SEATTLE

Seattle, Dec. 27.—Mayor Hiram C. Gill, Herman S. Frye, Heber B. Hoyt and James G. Raley are made respondents in disbarment proceedings filed against them here. The four separate complaints are signed and verified by Robert C. Saunders, chairman of the State Board of Law Examiners. They are based on the activities of the Merchants' Protection Corporation, of which the law firm of Gill, Hoyt, Frye & Raley are the Seattle representatives. Service of the complaints was made by Sheriff Stringer, acting for the Attorney-General of the State of Washington, under whose direction the complaints were drawn.

Chairman Saunders, who signed each of the complaints "for and on behalf of the State Board of Law Examiners," charges the respondents with "unprofessional conduct as attorneys and counselors-at-law, and asks that they be debarred from further practice in any of the courts of the State of Washington, also that their licenses as such attorneys be revoked."

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### ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN GORGE DISTRICT

Councillor Diggon Thinks Ward VII. Should Have Chance to Reserve Decision

There may be some change with regard to the fire protection situation in Saanich before the annual election. Following the discussion at the Council meeting on Saturday, Councillor Diggon, who moved the adoption of a report for the housing of the fire trucks, thinks that it would be better to re-submit in his ward the road improvement by-law which was defeated in a small poll in July, and leave the fire by-law to a later date.

The ground for taking this point of view is that the district which he represents is suffering very seriously from the need of improvements between the two paved roads in the ward, namely, George Road and Burnside Road, and the only way to provide the necessary funds is to have a general local improvement plan covering a somewhat similar area to that embraced in the July scheme. He points out that if the Council should not submit a fire by-law next month, it will be necessary to spend a portion of the ward appropriation in the suburban wards for the purpose of keeping up the fire equipment next summer—modest, the present start may be, and that will of course decrease the total available for road work. This would be necessary even if the outside wards came forward with some grant in aid from the general funds of the municipality, such as was offered in the summer.

The effect of persuading his colleagues to submit the by-law would be to give the public of Ward VII. another opportunity to decide whether the area should be improved, on good financial conditions. He would delay the re-submissions of the fire by-law till it is seen how the public would take the decrease in ward appropriations rendered necessary by the unfortunate verdict of last summer. Then if the result proved too burdensome, at some future date the ward appropriations of the urban wards taking upon themselves the liability for the fire maintenance cost. Something will have to be done to adjust the present situation, and it is proposed to discuss the subject afresh in time for a decision to be taken one way or the other on January 18.

### ARE MAKING RETURNS MUCH MORE PROMPTLY

Professions Comply With Regulations; Blindpiggers Get Desserts at Kamloops

Prohibition Commissioner Findlay reports a considerable improvement for the month of November in the matter of sales returns of the banned beverages under the British Columbia Prohibition Act. At this date last month scarcely more than fifty per cent. of the privileged professions had complied with the regulations which require all druggists, dentists, veterinary surgeons, and doctors to send in to the Commissioner on the first Monday in every month a complete return on the form provided for that purpose. This morning more than eighty-five per cent. had complied with the terms of the regulations while none of the returns disclosed any sort of indication that prescriptions, on which the sales were made, savored in the least of "manufactured illness."

There are still some sections of the province, according to reports reaching the Commissioner, where the enforcement of the Act appears to be less rigorous than it should be, a situation which is now undergoing a stern course of correction. On the other hand a report of Chief of Police Edens, of Kamloops, formerly on the Victoria force, reaching the commissioner by wire this morning, tells of the effective scotching of two blind pigs after a very brief existence, with the result that William Baynton answered a charge of selling liquor, with other charges pending, for which he received a six month's term of imprisonment. James Vanbuskirk appeared before the police magistrate on two charges one of selling and the other of keeping for unlawful disposal; on each count he received a six month's sentence, the two terms to run concurrently.

John Stark was charged by Chief Edens with unlawful possession and A. M. McCusky with unlawful purchase both of whom were fined by the magistrate.

Doctor: "You are slightly morbid, my dear lady. You should look about you and marry again."  
Widow: "Oh, doctor, is this a proposal?"  
Doctor: "Allow me to remind you that a doctor prescribes medicine, but he doesn't take it."

### CANADIANS ASKED TO CONSUME LESS SUGAR

Food Controller Provides Illuminating Figures Concerning General Situation

In connection with the Dominion Food Controller's plans for the general conservation of foodstuffs, Mr. Hanna has issued a circular dealing specifically with the sugar situation, in which he sets forth the present condition of the world's production. He shows likewise how Canadians by a curtailment of their use of the commodity can be of assistance to the allied countries where the shortage is so acutely felt. Extracts from the Food Controller's circular follow hereunder:

Interesting Figures.  
The production of beet sugar in France this year has been estimated at only 297,000 tons, as compared with an average annual production during the five years before the war (1909-12) of 752,542. Normal consumption in France is 704,820 tons. The beet sugar production of Italy has also been reduced from a pre-war average of 211,660 tons to 75,000 tons.

The pre-war annual consumption of sugar in the United Kingdom was 2,056,000 tons, all of which had to be imported. About 70 per cent. of the supply the United Kingdom came from countries from which it is now cut off by the war. Great Britain, France and Italy would require to import about 2,700,000 tons before the next crop—and most of it from new sources—if they were to maintain their normal consumption.

Monthly Allowances.  
"But the necessity of conserving supplies of sugar, which was emphasized by the shortage of shipping, has resulted in stern economies among the Allies. Before the war, England had the largest per capita consumption of sugar of any nation—23-1-2 pounds per person per year. This has now been reduced to 26 pounds per person per year, or about one ounce per day per person. In Great Britain prices have now been fixed for jams and jellies. There is no sugar for the home-made product."

In France the people are on rations of 1-1 pounds per person per month, which the Government distributes at about 25 cents per pound. In Italy, because of the shortage of sugar supplies, the Government has set a retail price of \$1.25 for a box containing 2.2 pounds. In Germany the present sugar ration is only .77 pounds per person per month. In the United States and Canada the per capita consumption of sugar is about 74 pounds."

Further Reductions Coming.  
The Food Controller has asked Canadians to reduce their consumption of sugar by at least 7 ounces per week per person, and, in order to provide larger supplies to meet the necessary requirements of the Allies, a further reduction to 3 pounds per person per month may be urged. Steps have already been taken to curtail the use of can sugar in candy-making, and the use of sugar or molasses in distillation of potable liquors has been prohibited.

About 50 per cent. of the sugar consumed in North America is imported from Cuba, so that the Cuban product is the dominating market factor. The International Sugar Commission, representing the Allied countries as well as the United States Food Administration and the Food Controller for Canada, is endeavoring to secure the Cuban production at a reasonable price.

Benefits of Curtailment.  
By curtailing consumption in this country so that the necessity of securing the Cuban crop is not so urgent, the people of Canada will be assisting the Sugar Commission, the Allied countries and themselves in obtaining supplies for spring and summer at lower prices than would otherwise be possible.

### DAWSON MEN DECORATED

Col. J. W. Boyle and John Kennally, His Secretary, Receive Russian Honors.

Col. Joseph W. Boyle, of Dawson, was recently decorated by General Korniloff with the Russian Order of St. Stanislaus, while his secretary, John Kennally, was given the Medal of St. Ann. Both Yukoners have been in Russia since last June, Col. Boyle representing the British-American Commission.

### VICTORIA MARVELS AT ASTOUNDING STORY

Local people marvel at this story of a business man: "I had to quit work because of stomach catarrh. Everything I ate fermented and soured. Dieting did no good. Finally I tried buckthorn bark, glycerine, etc., as mixed in Adler's-ka. ONE SPOONFUL helped me INSTANTLY." Because the alimentary tract it relieves ANY CASE constipation, sour stomach or gas and prevents appendicitis. It has QUICKEST action of anything we ever sold. Hall & Co., Druggists, 702 Yates St.

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Heavy Velour, ideal for making warm, dressy winter garments. These fabrics do not require lining. Shown in fawn and brown only; width 54 inches. Per yard, \$3.50.

—Coatings, Main Floor

## Women's Seasonable Underwear at Attractive Prices

Women's Veila Combinations, in fleeced cotton weight, low neck, short sleeves, ankle, Dutch neck, half-sleeve, ankle. Price, \$1.25.

Watson's Combinations in winter weight, Dutch neck, half-sleeve, knee. Price, \$1.35 and \$1.50.

Dutch neck, half-sleeve, ankle. Price \$1.50 and \$1.75.

High neck, long sleeve, ankle. Price, \$1.50 and \$1.75.

"Harvey" Combinations, heavy quality, and pure white; low neck, sleeveless, knee or ankle. Prices \$1.50 and \$1.75.

Dutch or V-neck, half-sleeve, ankle. Price \$1.75.

"Forest Mills" Combinations in fine heavy cotton, low or Dutch neck; sleeveless, short or half-sleeve, ankle length. Price, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

Light Weight Wool Combinations, low neck, finished with hand top; short or no sleeve; knee or ankle length. Price \$3.00.

"Forest Mills" Silk and Wool Combinations, low neck, sleeveless and ankle. Sizes to 42. Prices, \$4.00 to \$4.75.

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—Blanket Section, in Basement

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We are making a big showing of both cotton-filled and down-filled Comforters. These goods were purchased some considerable time previous to the heavy advances that have taken place this last few months. If you need a Comforter see this desirable selection.

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Cotton-Filled Comforters—This is a heavier grade of cover, well filled purified cotton. Colors moss, crimson, pale blue, pink ground, with floral designs in contrasting colors. Size 66x72. Each, \$3.75.

—Comforters, in Basement